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MAN IS FOUND INJURED ON A48

SOUTH Wales Police have released a statement after a man was discovered injured on a road just outside Cowbridge.

A police spokesman said: "A 37-year-old man was discovered lying on the east-bound carriageway of the A48 Cowbridge bypass near the petrol filling station.

"Emergency services attended and the man was taken to Princess of Wales Hospital, where he is being treated for his injuries.

"The police are not looking for anyone else in connection with this incident. No vehicle was involved."

Solar farm company are to build in Thaw Valley after appeal

by PHILIP IRWIN

PLANS to build a solar farm at Treguff Farm, St Mary's Church, have been given the green light, after the developers appealed to a Welsh Government planning inspector.

The company planning to build the solar farm, Lightsource SPV 76 Ltd, appealed to the Welsh Government after the planning committee of the Vale Council turned the plan down.

Now, after a hearing held in July, the inspector, Alan Novitzky, BArch (Hons), MA (RCA), Phd RIBA, has ruled in favour of the developers.

In his appeal decision, he said there were three main issues to consider:

1/ The character and appearance of the countryside.

2/ The character and appearance of Flemingston Conservation Area, and other heritage assets.

3/ The living conditions of local residents.

In a lengthy judgement on issue **1**/, the inspector made the point that vegetation blocks most views of the solar farm from the north and the east.

He also pointed out that "*... the view already suffers from the presence of two high tension electricity lines and towers, and a set of undistinguished buildings associated with the old railway station, as well as industrial stacks on the horizon*".

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A PUBLIC INQUIRY WILL DECIDE FATE OF PRIMROSE HILL

A DATE has been set for a public inquiry that could determine whether houses will be built on Primrose Hill, Cowbridge – despite the proposal being unanimously turned down by the Vale Council planning department, ***writes PHILIP IRWIN.***

As a result of that decision, the United Welsh Housing Association launched an appeal and this will be heard in the Docks Office, Barry, on September 23, at 10am. The appeal is expected to last four days.

The housing association wants to build 79 houses, with 60 per cent 'affordable' and the remaining 40 per cent to be built by the Charles Church building group, and these would be sold on the open market.

Local residents opposed to the scheme have formed the 'Gateway to Cowbridge' action group, and they argue that houses should not be built on a greenfield site that has never been designated for housing.

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SCHOOL IMAGE IS STILL IMPORTANT

WITH reference to the letter in last week's GEM, I have some sympathy with the views of Mr JH Evans regarding pupils bringing the Cowbridge school into disrepute.

I didn't go to 'Cowbridge school', I went to Cowbridge Grammar School, but that was 70 years ago when it was a boarding school.

In those days, your state of dress was a strict discipline, as was your behaviour in general.

You had to present a good image to the people of the town and the school was keen to maintain that image.

I have no doubt that the same principles applied to the Cowbridge High School for girls at that time.

Perhaps some of them, if they are still in the area, will remember.

A few names come to mind – Sheila Gibbs the baker's daughter, Enid Adams the farmer's daughter, and dear Jean Miller, the Scottish doctor's daughter.

However, all that was long ago, but I feel that the principle should still apply. Don't you agree, girls?

David Cirell, Barry.

'How fairly is Rhoose treated?'

RHOOSE library was not originally selected for the community library delivery model, due to its distance from libraries at Barry and Llantwit Major.

However, on reflection and in view of the increased pressure to identify further savings across the council to respond to the scenarios in the 2015/16 Budget Strategy, it is now considered appropriate to apply the community managed library model to Rhoose Library. (*Cabinet meeting Aug 11, 2014).*

I and many of the Rhoose constituents are not in accord with this view and wish the council to seriously consider the following.

Rhoose has a population of 6,975 (source VoG website) with a significant immediate growth whose library is staffed by two part-time librarians both working 27 hrs ie 54 hrs total.

Cowbridge, with a population of 6,109 (VoG) is staffed by seven staff, who work a combination of full-time, job share and part-time, whose hours amount to 123.

It doesn't take a mathematician to work out where the preferences are.

The staff at Rhoose are trained in assisting those in making job applications online as some are unable to access home computers.

There is often a requirement for some people to make these applications online to qualify for job seeker's allowance.

It is debatable if volunteers (around 40) would be qualified to carry out such tasks.

There would be logistical issues, CRB checks for volunteers, who would have difficulty in providing the service required by statute (*1964 Public Libraries and Museums Act)* to "best value" standard when they will not be qualified.

There is no doubt that the council has to implement severe cuts in the near future.

Do we need 47 councillors? How about a merger with Cardiff?

Coun Philip Clarke
(Rhoose ward).

Woolworth reunion

I AM trying to organise a reunion for former employees of the old Woolworth store on Holton Road, Barry.

If any 'Woolworth girls' from the Barry store would like to get together and take a step back in time, please come to the reunion on Saturday, August 30 at 2pm in College Fields Nursing Home, Barry. Call 01446 733363.

Wendy 'Lynne' Bryan, Barry.

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'Wales NHS is doing better than England!'

IN last week's GEM, there was another predictable attack on Welsh ambulance response times by the Vale MP, Alun Cairns.

He writes that he will continue to press these times with the Welsh Government and that this cannot continue.

Before making an attack on the Welsh NHS, he should have looked at what the Coalition Government is doing to the NHS in England, where ambulance response times are getting worse.

Ambulances wait up to eight hours outside A&E departments before being able to book in patients and A&E departments have failed to meet the four-hour waiting time target for 52 weeks in a row.

English hospital waiting lists are the longest for six years; 3.2 million people are waiting for surgery – that's up by 700,000 since 2010 – and some have waited more than a year.

The Welsh NHS seems to be doing much better than the NHS in England.

So it must be time to stop attacking the Labour-run NHS in Wales just to try and score cheap political points.

G Smith, Llantwit Major.

Library closures by the back door?

I WONDER if people are aware that the Vale Council are proposing to downgrade the library at Rhoose to a volunteer-led service?

People may recall that a few years ago there were proposals to close the library, one of the busiest in the Vale, completely and it seems to me that this latest proposal could mean that the council are trying to reintroduce their closure policy by the back door.

Without being unduly cynical, it seems to me that this view is reinforced by the council's introduction of the volunteer-led unit without taking any steps to find out if there is an adequate supply of suitable volunteers.

Everyone knows that many organisations find it difficult to get people to volunteer to run committees and do charity work, so it seems to me that it cannot be assumed that people could be found. Even if they can, it also seems to me that the excellent standards of service we have come to expect would be bound to fall, at the very least in the short term.

I suggest that everyone who uses Rhoose library contacts the council to express their concern at what seems to be an ill-conceived proposal. Incidentally, I gather that similar policies are likely to be imposed on other village libraries.

Perhaps residents in other parts of the Vale should be contacting the council to find out if they are affected.

Gavin Davies, Penmark.

Barry's lost status

IN 2010, when Plaid Cymru was in charge of regeneration at the Welsh Government, Barry was given strategic regeneration area status and £9.8m of funding.

Sadly, after Plaid Cymru left the Welsh Government, Labour changed the rules – scrapping the seven strategic regeneration areas and allowing each of the 22 local councils in Wales to bid for the next round of funding.

The result was that Barry's bid failed at the first hurdle, and we lost out on £15m.

It seems somewhat cheeky, if not downright rude and insulting, that the Labour minister responsible for Barry losing out on that funding, should then come here and tell us that his £1m 'tackling poverty' funding will provide a further boost to the town.

Coun Ian Johnson, Barry.
(Plaid Cymru – the Party of Wales)

'The children are not state-owned'

I REFER to the article headed '£60 penalty for skipping school' in last week's GEM.

New laws and legislation that restrict and outlaw a parent in making decisions on their children and use that as a way to raise revenue, with basically no real means of appeal, is Big Brother again going too far.

Being late for school is now a crime, yet many reasons can cause lateness – weather, traffic, another member of the family such as the parent becoming ill, going into hospital.

What if a relative dies? We are talking about people, not inanimate objects, who have to negotiate innumerable problems every day, such as the Vale Council playing around with school opening and closing times during the NATO summit.

Can I assume that parents can charge the council £60 per day as a fine reversed for not allowing their kids to go to school at the proper time over the duration of the summit?

Parents do not have to send children to school to be educated and they can be home schooled via one means or another. Children are also the responsibility of their parents and not state-owned commodities that you control. If I had a child in a school here I would not be paying any fine and you would not be assuming parental rights over my children and telling me what decisions I can or cannot make.

Anne Usher, Barry.

'Please cut the grass!'

I WOULD like to thank Mr Andrew Davies (Cowbridge town clerk) for raising awareness of the misuse of Twt Park by older children playing football etc in the park (The GEM last week).

The likely cause of the problem, however, is that the grass on the old cricket field has not been mown this summer; hence it has been difficult for the older children and families to have their usual impromptu 'kick abouts' or other ball games, such as cricket sessions on it.

The narrow Poplars Park is not really suitable for ball games with the river Thaw running through it.

It would be very helpful, therefore, if Mr Davies would arrange for the cricket field to be mown as soon as possible, please.

Anne Evans, Cowbridge.

'Cut number of councillors'

I READ with increasing incredulity that 'volunteers' are likely to run some council services.

If the council is proposing 'volunteer' staff, might I suggest that this be extended to include 'volunteer' councillors? The resultant substantial savings would surely fund our necessary services, and the personnel employed to run these services efficiently could even be paid out of the proceeds!

If this should be too radical a proposal, perhaps at the very least the number of councillors could be drastically reduced to reflect the proposed reduction in council services.

Jose Tancock, Barry.

NATO conference a glorified jolly?

ON the road between Brussels Airport and Brussels city centre, there is a purpose-built Nato conference facility where security is assured, where there are no camps of protesters waiting to disrupt proceedings, where there is no likelihood of traffic congestion, and where there is no need to interfere with school hours.

Is it reasonable to ask why the conference has to be held in Newport?

We are told that this a great opportunity for south Wales, but it is difficult to understand what benefits will accrue from the affair.

Those of us who have attended similar conferences know that once the delegates are safely inside the confines of the Celtic Manor Resort, they will not leave it until the conference is over.

So all they will see of Wales is the journey to and from the airport.

I am a supporter of Nato, but have to ask whether this is just a glorified jolly?

W Summerfield, Barry.

'No barrier for safety on M4'

CAN somebody please tell me who decided to put security fencing along part of the M4 corridor and erect it on the wrong side of the barriers?

What on earth is going to happen now if, for argument sake, a young mother breaks down on this part of the M4 with young children in the car?

Barriers are put there for her (and our) protection from oncoming traffic.

Should we break down, we stand behind the barriers.

If you ask me, security for these nonentity politicians has gone much too far. We, the ordinary Joe public, have once again been made to suffer gross inconvenience so that a few politicians can spout a load of hot air and no action.

It's just one massive jolly paid for by the taxpayer. Who will take the rap if some poor soul is killed waiting for recovery, if he or she cannot stand behind the barriers?

As far as I am concerned, the sooner shambolic politicians leave Wales the better.

D J Radford, Barry.

BAD 'DOGGIE BAGS' DICTAT

I HAVE just returned from Llantwit Major Town Hall, where I went to obtain a supply of doggie bags.

There I was informed in a friendly manner that due to a revised council dictat I could only have five single bags.

As well as my own dog, I am currently dog-sitting another two while my daughters are on holiday, so these bags will barely last one day.

With lamp posts festooned with dog fouling warnings, this seems a perverse policy by our council.

Rhodri Williams, Llantwit Major.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 28)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
21 Thur	04.04	7.8	16.41	7.9
22 Fri	05.11	8.0	17.33	8.4
23 Sat	05.59	8.5	18.18	8.8
24 Sun	06.41	8.9	18.54	9.2
25 Mon	07.11	9.2	19.29	9.4
26 Tues	07.47	9.3	19.59	9.5
27 Wed	08.18	9.4	20.32	9.6
28 Thur	08.49	9.5	21.02	9.6

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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'MY DOG GAVE ME A CAT SCAN...'

Ogmore man knocked out – by his pet puppy!

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

Robin Eggleston with Ben, his seven-month-old puppy, who is proving to be quite a handful!

The coastal path at Ogmore-by-Sea, where Mr Eggleston was KO'd by boisterous Ben.

AN octogenarian from Ogmore-by-Sea is full of praise for the NHS after putting the service to the test – when he was knocked unconscious by his own dog!

Robin Eggleston describes Ben, his seven-month-old Labradoodle, as "fast-growing" and the young pup is certainly proving to be a real handful.

Mr Eggleston, who is 84, told The GEM how Ben had come to knock him out cold, while they were walking on the coastal path near his home.

He said: "I was leading Ben along the path when another dog came up alongside.

"I hadn't seen it, and Ben gave an enormous affectionate sideways leap and toppled me into a foot-deep groove in the path.

"My head hit the ground and I passed out."

Fortunately, the first person on the scene was Mark Jones, of Wick, who did all the right things,

Robin Eggleston said: "I am told he freed my tongue so I could breathe, and with others he picked me up and sat me down.

"He phoned for an ambulance, and also phoned my wife, Sandra, so she could come and be with me."

An ambulance arrived and, with help from the Coastguard, they were able to get fairly close to Mr Eggleston and transport him to A and E at the Princess of Wales Hospital.

He told The GEM that he had been very impressed with his treatment: "I was soon taken to a bed bay and was examined and blood was taken for testing.

"As I am on Warfarin, I was told I would have to have a CAT scan to rule out any bleeding inside my skull."

Doctors continued to monitor him until the CAT scan could be done, and an hour after that he had the all clear – no bleeding and no fractures. He and Sandra went home by taxi.

As instructed, Mr Egglestone went to his GP at the Riverside practice for a further check up three days later, where Dr Osborne was able to connect with the hospital's computer records, read the CAT scan and perform the necessary tests, before giving the all clear.

Mr Eggleston said: "I appreciated the kind, gentle treatment I had under the local NHS, and also the way strabgers helped me where I had my accident.

"I now lead my dog Ben using a choke chain, as recommended by Barbara Woodhouse) which is making him easier for me to control."

ACTION GROUP OPPOSE PRIMROSE HILL PLAN

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The action group says that granting this scheme will set a precedent, and planning consent will inevitably be given for the opposite site of Primrose Hill, and then the boundaries of Cowbridge will change completely.

Group spokesman Kevin Freeland told The GEM: "The Vale Council planning committee turned it down unanimously, and the site is not allocated for housing in the Vale of Glamorgan UDP (Unitary Development Plan) – the current policy document. It is classified as countryside.

"The proposed site has also not been listed as a candidate site for housing development in the emerging LDP (Local Development Plan) either.

"We would suggest the application is premature, as the landowner has neither sought to register the land for development, nor waited for the LDP to be brought forward."

Solar farm: verdict 'disappointing'

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He also dismissed claims that glint and glare would result from the solar farm, saying that "... solar panels are primarily designed to absorb sunlight rather than reflect it".

Considering issue 1/, he concluded: "Overall, the effect on the appearance of the landscape would be harmful to a minor degree.

"The harm identified will be balanced against the public benefits of the proposal."

Looking at issue of the heritage assets, he said that those assets, in the main buildings in Flemingston, would not be affected because the village's layout has a "largely inward focus".

He accepted that the view was a part of that heritage status, and acknowledged that some views would be affected.

However, he concluded: "Overall, the effect on the appearance of the landscape would be harmful to a minor degree. the harm identified will be balanced against the public benefits."

On the third issue, living conditions of residents, he considered the property most affected, Kingsland, and says: "I well understand the dismay of the occupants of Kingsland.

"However, although it might become less attractive, I do not consider that the dwelling would be an unattractive place to live overall.

"The effect would not be overbearing, either in the case of Kingsland, or the other dwellings to which reference has been made.

"An industrial landscape would not arise."

On the issue of the loss of agricultural land, he had this to say: "The loss of usable grade 3 (good to moderate quality) agricultural land would not be significant, since much of it could still be put to grazing".

The inspector imposed a number of conditions, including the planting of more hedgerows to obscure the view of the solar array. Any fences contemplated would need the permission of the Vale Council.

Coun Jeff James opposed the plan, and was a spokesman for local residents.

He said: "I was disappointed with the verdict. I thought the residents made a strong case to protect the Thaw Valley.

"It definitely will have an impact on Kingsland, and walkers along the Millennium Path will be confronted by it.

"I would like to thank the residents who attended the inquiry, Flemingston Community Council, the Hooper family, and Vale Council officers who fought this proposal".

He added: "I would like to acknowledge that the inspector did produce a very thorough report, even though I am disappointed with his conclusion."

Public Consultation Event

Development of Land off St. Brides Road, Wick

David Wilson Homes are producing proposals to develop land off St. Brides Road, Wick for high quality new homes. A critical part of preparing the proposals is engaging with the local community and key stakeholders.

Therefore on behalf of David Wilson Homes, Barton Willmore is holding a public exhibition to consult the local community on the emerging proposals.

The Public Exhibition will take place at Wick Sports Club Pavilion, Cwrt y Felin, Wick on Friday 5th September between 2pm and 8pm.

We look forward to seeing you.

Bridegroom turns up at the church – in 150-ton truck

GET ME TO THE CHURCH ON TIME!

ABOVE:
Simon and Kate arrive with young Rhys.
(Pictures by Gemma Griffiths Photography.)

RIGHT: The wedding truck arrives in Cowbridge.

A LOCAL couple started married life recently in an unusual way – as the bridegroom arrived in a massive brand new articulated lorry!

Simon Griffiths and Kate Scandrett, with their eight-month-old son Rhys, were married at Pendoylan Church, and the reception was held at the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge.

Kate, a local dentist, chose Padfield's cars of Talygarn for a conventional journey to Cowbridge, but Simon, a director of Smiths Heavy Haulage, arrived at the church in the company's new 150-ton Scania R620 Tractor unit.

The truck, kitted out in wedding livery, made a great impression as it made its way along the High Street.

Simon told The GEM that the day had gone very smoothly. He said: "It was an amazing venue, with great food, and everything was perfect."

Due to hectic work commitments the happy family will be booking a honeymoon later in the year

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COMMENTING on last week's A-level reults, Cowbridge Comprehensive headteacher Mrs Debra Thomas said: "We are delighted with the performance of our Sixth Form students as they receive their well-deserved, excellent results."

"Their success reflects the high standards and expectations that they set for themselves and is also testament to the dedication of a fantastic team of staff. The A-level results mark yet another year of excellent academic and personal success, with an overall A-level pass rate of 99 per cent.

"We are thrilled with the excellent success of our students. We are pleased to see so many young people achieving their first choice places at a wide range of prestigious universities.

"There is a terrific working atmosphere within our Sixth Form and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our students on their achievements and to thank our team of dedicated teachers and support staff, who have worked very hard to support and encourage our students in achieving first class results.

"The results include many wonderful individual achievements with significantly high numbers of students, 31 per cent, achieving the top A*/A grades. This is higher than the all-Wales figure of 23 per cent."

Some of the top performers:

Millie Booth A, A, A, A; David Howells A, A, A; Naduni Jayasinghe A*, A*, A*, A; Ieuan Luke A, A, A; Amy Oliver A*, A, A; Bethan Sloan A*, A*, A, A; Anwen Smith A*, A*, A; Lesley Tinkler A, A, A, A; George Treharne A, A, A; Matthew Wallsgrove A*, A*, A; Sophie Williams A*, A, A; Anna Wynne A*, A, A.*

World War One display

COWBRIDGE Museum will commemorate the First World War with a display of items and memories on September 5-6. Entry is free.

The display will contain a small section about the Cowbridge-based Haywood family, who had 11 adult children on active service, and other items will relate specifically to Cowbridge and more generally to the UK.

Taking its title 'Keep the Home Fires Burning' from the popular song by Cardiff-born Ivor Novello, it will look at home life 'while the lads are far from home'.

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Success for Cowbridge choir at the National Eisteddfod

FOLLOWING their notable contribution to the Welsh National Eisteddfod at Llandow two years ago, the Cowbridge-based choir, Cor Meibion Y Machlud, surpassed their efforts in the male voice choir competition (for 20-45 voices) at the National Eisteddfod in Llanelli!

Again under the conductor's baton of Eric Dafydd, and accompanied by Carol Phillips, the choir achieved a highly creditable third spot in a top quality contest.

The winners were choir 'Ar Ol Tri' from Aberteifi, who just nudged Llandeilo's 'Bois Y Castell' into second place.

All agreed that singing in such a competitive environment as the National Eisteddfod heightens both the quality of the singing and the enjoyment and satisfaction of the choristers.

The hard work of twice a week rehearsals in Cowbridge Town Hall leading up to the Eisteddfod, was reflected in Cor Meibion Y Machlud's rendition of their opening item 'Deryn Y Bwn O'r Banna' and also the quietly sung lullaby, 'Si Hei Lwli Mabi'. The set piece sung by all the choirs was the requiem *Sanctaidd* by Cherubini.

The Cowbridge outfit completed their programme with Eric Jones' arrangement of Psalm 23.

Several members of the choir are Welsh learners (or in some cases non-Welsh speakers) who enjoy singing in the Welsh language.

All were able to mingle in the atmosphere and culture by exploring the Eisteddfod's Maes, and sampling many of the products in the displays on offer at this spectacular site on the edge of the Lougher estuary.

Cor Meibion Y Machlud was originally formed to compete at the National Eisteddfod held at Bridgend in the late 1990s, and has since entered a number of other eisteddfodau.

All were agreed that following this year's experience, the tradition of competitive singing must continue into the future.

Anyone who would like to take the opportunity to practise with the choir, should come to Ysgol Iolo Morganwg in Llanbleddian, on Monday evenings, commencing in September. **RK**

Burglars steal OBE medal

POLICE are appealing for information about a burglary at Cowbridge Road, Ystradowen, between 8am on Tuesday, August 12, and 9.20am on Wednesday, August 13, when jewellery and an OBE medal in a black case were stolen.

Entry was gained to the property when a ground floor window was forced, and the police are appealing to anyone who saw any suspicious activity in the area to come forward.

Detective Constable David Rich of Barry CID said: "We are also appealing to anyone who has any information about jewellery being offered for sale, particularly the OBE medal belonging to the victim, which is obviously of huge sentimental value, to contact the police."

Anyone with information should call police on 101, or Crimestoppers free and anonymously on 0800 555 111 (quoting occurrence number 1400296879).

Jail sentence for a Penarth man arrested after high-speed chase

by AJ SICLUNA

A high speed, five-mile police chase ended when the driver of a car attempted to flee from a police officer and was rugby-tackled to the ground, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Ashley Cole (31), had driven in the Barry and Dinas Powys areas at speeds of up to 70mph in a 30mph area, taking blind bends on the wrong side of the road and had travelled around roundabouts on the wrong side of the road.

Cole, of Bird Crescent, Penarth, was jailed for 16 months and disqualified from driving for two years. He had admitted charges of dangerous driving, driving with no insurance, driving while disqualified, failing to stop and aggravated vehicle taking.

Said Recorder Robert Britton: "You drove dangerously and in an erratic manner. It was appalling."

The incident began, said prosecutor Nuhu Gobir, when Cole took a Volkswagen Touran from outside a house in Penarth.

At 1am on July 22, the vehicle was spotted by the police in St Andrews Major heading towards Dinas Powys.

It failed to stop, and then began a five-mile chase.

In Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys, he travelled at 70mph, took blind bends on the wrong side of the road and went along the Barry Docks link road at 50mph.

At one point, he swerved and a tyre burst, but he turned into Barry Dock before travelling along South Road towards Penarth. He was swinging from side to side and at one point stopped and ran from the vehicle.

A police officer chased him and rugby tackled him to the ground and he told the officer: "I ****** borrowed it."

He said that initially, another person had taken the vehicle and would not accept that his driving was dangerous.

He was said to have convictions for 83 offences involving dishonesty, violence, motoring matters, possessing drugs, causing criminal damage and witness intimidation.

His solicitor, Jonathan Lewis, said: "Because of the late hour, there was mercifully very little traffic and few pedestrians about. I accept his antecedents do him no favours.

"Drugs and drink have played a crucial role in his offending, but he has attempted to mend his ways."

He was ordered to take the extended driving test and to pay a victim surcharge fee of £100.

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Louise Edwards, church warden

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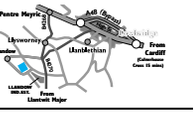

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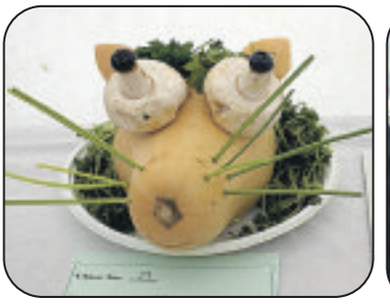

Children had fun with fruit and vegetables.

Pictures by HEATHER MARCH

Show president Martyn Popham (right) and Mrs Popham with show chairman Coun Ray Thomas and Mrs Thomas.

Andrew Thomas from Llanblethian won the Hereford Society Special Championship Rosette.

Harriet Edwards from Colwinston, won the pet lamb competition.

Callum Griffiths (15) with his mum and dad and the show president. Callum organised the new poultry section of the show, which was a great success.

Local horse comes good at Penybont!

THE magic of Penybont races on the first Wednesday of August doesn't diminish as the years go by.

The day began with the two Nursery races with young Oliver Jones steering the Perks family from Presteigne's horse Fold Elite to victory in the first while young Zac Lewis from Welshpool partnered his own George Gentle to win the second.

The racing 'proper' began with the Novice heats, with the first going to the up and coming Habberley Playboy (Johns Shrewsbury) driven as always by his trainer Derek Pritchard; in second was the impressive Chaps o Neil (Morgan Builth) while Miss Jackpot (Langford Ammanford) was third.

In the second heat Dragon Penlan partnered by Aled Davies for the Barton family from Clunderwen were first passed the post from Greenwood Romeo (Duggan Llangunllo) and Blackfield Billie (Lewis Welshpool).

Aled gained a back to back double by winning the third Novice heat aboard Brywins Lucky Charm for enthusiastic supporters the Jones family from Brecon, while C U Choteau (Thomas Llanbister) was second and Chinatown Lucky (Williams Pencader) was third.

The grade B heats were next on the card, in the first heat Habberley Haste (Lloyd New Radnor) coming back from an out of season injury, provided a good win for his trainer Andrew Hardwick; in second place was the grey Camden Lock (Probert Merthyr) while Vyrnwy Taffie (Evans Llanybydder) was third.

In the second heat the b a c k m a r k e r Wellfieldlifestyle, the new horse belonging to the Edmunds family from Porthcawl and piloted by nephew Mark White, came home in front of Holmes Dreamer (Eggerton Norton Canon) and Greenhill Cliff (Williams Brecon).

Kickstart (Williams Brecon) added to his reputation in the hands of Andrew Hardwick in the third heat, winning from Too Hot Today (Jones Merthyr) and newcomer The Bold Jack (Gething Gilwern).

The first heat of the grade A was won by last year's winner Bon Jasper (Jones Llanllwni), again employing the services of young Mark White to drive; in second was Blackfield Buddy (Barton Clunderwen) with Cloudburst (Eggerton Norton Canon) in third.

Rhyds Desire (Thomas Rhymney) qualified in fine style in the second grade A heat in the capable hands of young garage mechanic Mark Evans from Brecon, Meadowland Hasty (Price Brecon) ran well to be second with last week's hero Chaps Commander (Jones Talgarreg) in third. Clares Own (Evans Newcastle Emlyn) never runs a bad race and qualified for another final with usual pilot Mathew Tromans, while Ithon Inmate (Price Brecon) gave the family another second and the little Terripan Hanover (Davies Dihewyd) was third.

Wellfieldlifestyle shone at Penybont recently.

After the electric atmosphere of the heats, the Baby Novice races gave the younger horses centre stage. The first race provided a win for Brywins Crispy Duck (Davies Drefach) from Hendre Princess (Jones Llanllwni) in second, with Big Harry (Duggan Llangunllo) third.

In the second race the diminutive Ithon Gift (Bird Ludlow) gave a popular win for long time supporter trainer/driver Richard Adams from Anchor, while Hilltop Surprise (Tromans Newcastle Emlyn) was second and Self Pozest and James Hussey from Merthyr was third.

Made in Wales (Evans Red Roses) with Aled Davies at the controls took the third Baby Novice from Grecho the Kingswood horse belonging to Mike Lloyd while stylish Pilsbury Lady (Rogers Asterton) was third.

The saddle trot is always a popular feature of grass racing and it was Ithon Ghost (Wilson Llanfihangel ar arth) partnered by Rebecca Hitchcock who claimed the honours from Bon Hasty (Collingwood Huntington) with Tyssul Pearl (Barton Clunderwen) and Llwyns Hall (White Porthcawl) sharing third prize.

Lakeside Pan the new horse belonging to old favourite John Elder from New Quay took the dash driven by son Wayne, while No Mercy (Weigel Llanddewi Velfrey) was second and Mahogany Magic (Davies Dehewyd) was third.

The tension mounted with the three finals; the first, the Novice gave the Johns family from Shrewsbury reason to celebrate as Derek Pritchard brought back marker Habberley Playboy home in front of Brywins Lucky Charm (Jones Brecon) and Chaps O Neil (Morgan Builth).

The Grade B final provided a win for another backmarker as W e l f i e l d l i f e s t y l e powered home for the Edmunds family from Porthcawl, with Kickstart (Williams Brecon) second and another backmarker The Bold Jack (Gething Gilwern) in third. The next time W e l l f i e l d l i f e s t y l e appears on a race track he will be in the Grade A.

The penultimate race of the day was the Grade A final. This year Bon Jasper (Jones Llanllwni) showed what a class horse he is, by repeating last year's success, in the hands of Mark White.

In second place was Clares Own (Evans Newcastle Emlyn) while Meadowland Hasty (Price Brecon) was third.

The final race of the day was the mile and a half and Blackies Boy the sometimes erratic horse belonging to the Prosser family from Libanus, and driven by Melanie Langford proved he had plenty of stamina for the extra distance, as they came home in front of Dernol Duke (Wozencraft Llangurig) and Tommy the Dealer (Bevan Llanddewi).

The final award was a cup in memory of the late Colin Davies who for so long guided Penybont races as commentator and committee member.

The family presented the cup to Mark White as leading driver on the day having secured four wins, two of which were the Grade A & B finals. A day that this young man will not forget in a hurry.

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PUPILS MAINTAIN TOP PASS RECORD

ABOVE: Meirin Evans, Lewis Harrison and Joseph Lee all did well, see below.

Deputy head boy Rhys James (2As and 1B and a distinction in BTEC Music in Performing) and head boy Lewis Harrison (A* in maths and 2As in history and physics).*

Angharad Denham and Nia Cwyfan Hughes celebrating excellent results.

ABOVE: Hanna Davies (head girl), Phoebe Lloyd-Hunter and Darcie Hamilton from the Cowbridge and Llantwit areas.

PUPILS, parents and teachers at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg Welsh medium school in Barry are celebrating excellent A-level examination results this year as the school again achieved a pass rate of 100 per cent, with each pupil attaining an E grade or above in two or more A-level subjects for the second year in succession.

Some 77 per cent of all entries were graded at A* to C. Leading the way this year were the historians: one third of the cohort studied history and 100 per cent of the pupils achieved a C grade or above in the subject.

Individually, the boys shone this year with Elis Jackson from Penarth, the highest achiever with four A* grades in maths, further maths, design technology and physics. He will now study aeronautical engineering at Imperial College, London.

Following hot on his heels are Meirin Evans (three A* grades in maths, further maths and chemistry with an A grade in physics) Joseph Lee (two A* and two A grades) Michael Scannell (four A grades) and head boy Lewis Harrison (one A* in maths, and A grades in history and physics).

Congratulations to Sophie Lamb who was the highest achiever among the girls (three A grades in history, psychology and English language).

We are delighted that all pupils have excelled in their own particular fields, in both the vocational and more traditional subjects and this year again the whole cohort were entered for the Welsh Baccalaureate, and were awarded the diploma.

We are extremely proud of the achievements of all our pupils and delighted that as a school we continue to cater for and nurture each individual.

Particular praise is due this year for the numerous pupils who achieved distinctions in business studies and music performance BTEC courses.

Congratulations to all the pupils and staff and we wish our pupils well in the future. Well done!

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Llongyfarchiadau yn arbennig hefyd i Meirin Evans (3 gradd A* mewn mathemateg, maths pellach a chemeg ynghyd â gradd A mewn ffiseg) Joseph Lee (2 radd A* a 2 radd A) Michael Scannell 4 gradd A a'n Prif Fachgen Lewis Harrison (1 A* mewn mathemateg, a graddau A mewn hanes a ffiseg). Y ferch a berfformiodd orau oedd Sophie Lamb (gyda 3 gradd A mewn hanes, seicoleg a saesneg iaith). Dathlwn hefyd lwyddiant yr holl ddisgyblion sydd wedi cyrraedd eu potensial ac sydd wedi gweithio yn ddygn a chael eu haeddiant.

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Robert Rees being congratulated by his form teacher.

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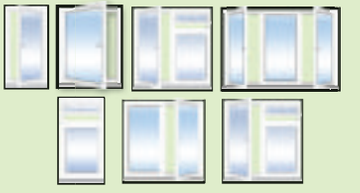

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'YOU HAVE DONE ME FOR £60,000'

Two men jailed after discovery of cannabis factory

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

A MAN who grew cannabis plants told police when he was arrested: "You have done me for £60,000."

But the potential crop was worth at its lowest £17,500, said prosecutor David Thomas at Cardiff Crown Court.

Reginald Malgas (24) of Hermon Road, Bridgend, admitted producing cannabis and supplying cannabis. He was jailed for 16 months.

Brenig Ungoed (23) of Canberra Road, Bridgend, was also jailed for 16 months, after he admitted being concerned in the supply of cocaine.

Mr Thomas said police officers went to a house in Llynfi Street, Tondu, in December, because they were concerned with anti-social behaviour at another address.

Once inside, the officers smelt cannabis and discovered 50 mature plants growing and 120 small plants. There were lamps, filters and fans in operation.

Malgas was arrested and said: "You've done me for £60,000."

Ungoed was also arrested, but not linked to the cannabis. There had been a message on a telephone relating to him obtaining cocaine for Malgas.

Sue Ferrier, for Malgas, said: "There is an option rather than custody as he had been making great strides in the right direction.

"He did go into these offences with his eyes open and took a chance. He has a steady girlfriend and family support."

Byron Broadstock for Ungoed said: "No drugs were found on him and he was not involved with the cannabis. Both defendants are friends and have been users of drugs.

"His involvement was just one transaction when he acted as a go-between.

"This case is very different from the norm and was not motivated by financial gain."

Recorder Jonathan Furness said evidence indicated that Malgas had been supplying five people.

He became involved because he wanted to pay off a significant debt.

A Levels: the gap narrows between Wales and England

by GEM REPORTER

A Level students in Wales narrowed the gap with their English counterparts, with Vale pupils excelling.

In the Vale of Glamorgan, more students have got good grades compared to last year in WJEC examinations, with 26.9 per cent of entries gaining an A or A* grades, compared with 25.7 per cent last year.

A total of 79 per cent of entries also gained a grade of C or above compared with 77.5 per cent last year.

And 98.2 per cent of entries were awarded a grade of E or above compared with 97.8 per cent last year.

The success rate for students receiving their AS level examination results fell slightly, with 14.3 per cent of WJEC entries gaining an A grade compared with 18.6 per cent last year; 57 7 per cent of results were at grade C or above.

Information released by the WJEC based on the performance of students in Wales entered for examinations with all examination boards reported a stable picture with a small increase in the number of students gaining A* and A grades at A level to 23.3 per cent. The proportion of AS level entries gaining A grades was 15.9%.

Commenting on the results, Coun Chris Elmore, Vale cabinet member for children's services, said: "I would like to congratulate students on their many successes.

"It is clear that hard work pays! I would also want to wish our students the very best for the future, as they take the next steps which for many, will be a place at university."

Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, regional AM Andrew RT Davies, also congratulated students in the Vale: "Without doubt, these results are the fruits of years of hard work by students, ably supported by their teachers, parents, governors, and all deserve great credit and recognition for these achievements."

But he added: "It remains a matter of concern that after 15 years of Labour governments, 'systemic failure' in Welsh education and falls in international comparisons, that Wales is still at the bottom of the UK league table for A-Levels."

'Scrap council year books'

BARRY councillor Richard Bertin is calling for yearbooks given out to councillors and officials in the Vale, to be scrapped, as most of the information is now available online.

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Meeting with Rhoose man was 'inspirational'

VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

THERE are many inspirational stories in the Vale of Glamorgan, but I will be hard pushed to hear a more stirring story than that of Rhoose resident Zac Smith, a man that has lost over half of his body weight in less than three years.

When I met Mr Smith and he told me about the rollercoaster journey he has been on in his quest to turn his life around, after weighing more than 50 stone at his heaviest in 2010, I couldn't help but feel moved by his story.

We met at Coffee Time in Rhoose, and it was there that I immediately understood his passion to help others in a similar situation and how his progress in losing over half of his bodyweight can offer useful lessons in dealing with obesity.

Having featured on the BBC Wales programme *Week In, Week Out* recently, Zac told me how, on his own initiative he had travelled to India to seek help for his weight loss.

He had been refused treatment by NHS Wales on the basis of a narrow qualifying criteria for bariatric surgery. Zac told me that he could have qualified for the surgery in England.

He chose to self-fund the cost of the £9,000 gastric sleeve operation in India. After saying goodbye to all of his family one by one, he travelled alone to meet his surgeon, who advised that the operation had just a one in two chance of success.

Following the successful weight loss surgery, he was again refused an NHS Wales operation to remove over three stone of excess skin – meaning another trip to India was necessary.

Meeting Zac in person meant I saw how healthy he looked, and it was heartening to see the glint in his eye had returned.

Despite the fact that he was still waiting to fully heal from his most recent operation, his enthusiasm to help others was infectious.

To see such a transformation from the deep depression that contributed to his weight gain was incredible, even more so after he told me stories of being laughed at in the street by children when simply buying a pint of milk, and how walking, or washing became impossible – leading to the downward spiral that he has now left behind.

When I left after such an inspirational meeting, I was reminded of how obesity in Wales is not a black and white issue, and with over 15,000 in Wales now eligible for bariatric surgery we must ensure that both the NHS and patients can cope with the growing pressure.

We must think about the medical costs of associated complications such as diabetes and the pressure they add to the NHS in Wales, both in terms of funding long term chronic obesity related conditions, and what pressures they place on waiting times.

Zac wants to use his experience to help others, and I am keen to hear from constituents who may have family or friends in a similar situation in the Vale and to put them in touch.

ABOVE: Alun Cairns MP with Zac Smith from Rhoose.

Where will the cuts fall in Vale?

READER' S VIEW

THE Vale Council has now announced that the Vale can look forward to over £32 million worth of 'savings' over the next three years, and they have stated that nothing is free from scrutiny.

Does that mean we will be getting rid of the CEO, or that the council leader will be taking a 50 per cent pay cut, or the deputy leader will take a non- paying role – perhaps we can even get rid of the Mayoral role?

How about a parking charge for Vale councillors, say at a cost of £10 for two hours? Those people calling for the Vale to be joined at the hip with Cardiff Council should be careful what they wish for.

They are just as easygoing in spending our money as the Vale.

D J Radford, Barry.

PACT meetings

***A BIKE** marking event will take place at the Knap, Barry, on August 28 between 10am and 2pm.*

***Neighbourhood officers** and British Transport police will be on hand to offer some valuable advice and free security marking.*

***Coffee and Chat** at The Blue Anchor, East Aberthaw on Thursday, August 28 at 11am.*

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MAN ATTEMPTED TO SWALLOW EVIDENCE

WHEN police officers spotted a man they suspected of having drugs on him, he put an amount of amphetamine in his mouth and tried to swallow it, Cardiff Crown Court heard, *writes AJ Sicluna*.

Clifford Foster (49) unemployed, of Gors Las, North Cornelly, was given a conditional discharge for 12 months after he admitted possessing amphetamine.

Said Recorder Jonathan Furness: "It really is very sad looking at your record. You had eight years when you were out of trouble. You can do it. After that you were regularly before the courts. This is your last chance."

He added: "Don't come back to court because you have breached this order."

Prosecutor Gareth James said police officers on duty in North Cornelly saw the defendant and when he saw them, he took something out of his pocket and put it in his mouth.

He eventually spat out an amount of amphetamine, said Mr James.

He admitted it was his, said he had forgotten it was in his pocket, and panicked.

His counsel, Francis Jones, said: "At the time, he was in financial difficulty."

Rail enthusiasts descend on town

Many rail enthusiasts came to Barry, some from as far a way as north Yorkshire, last Saturday and Sunday, to ride behind two locomotives from the Barry Collection. The class 08 shunter was the special attraction as this was its first run since a major overhaul. Also one of only a few class 73s in private ownership was in service too. Mike Baker, one of the volunteers at the railway gave conducted tours of the engine shed adjacent to Barry Station.
IMAGES by NICK WILCOCK

'Re-ignite the flame of St John's school, Porthcawl'

I HAVE read with tremendous sadness and astonishment the news that my old school, St John's in Newton, Porthcawl, has suddenly closed its doors.

The seeming rush to close implies a quick-fire decision and one senses the hurt and damage which this has inflicted on staff and pupils alike.

It is hard to believe that an institution with a legacy stretching over 93 years could not have been preserved, having survived the economic downturns of the 1930s, 1970s, 1990s, and our most current downturn.

We are, after all, out of recession and back in firm economic growth, sustainable ground for the private schools' sector.

The legacy of Harry John Crampton, the headmaster/owner of the school between 1956 and the mid 1970s, was a school with a strong sense of purpose, a clear mission with resolute values and an inspiring ethos.

A man, who was one of those instrumental people in enabling Great Britain to win the Second World War working alongside 'Bouncing Bomb' Barnes Wallace, was himself the best headmaster I have ever met.

Harry, who inspired generations and established a school with such a sense of purpose and durability, can only be spinning in his grave at this terrible news.

Harry's values and ethos have led to an array of pupils moving on from St John's to populate the highest levels of the professions of accountancy, medicine, government, education, and science.

A wealth of extremely talented former pupils, leaders in their own fields, have followed and applied the values of St John's and inspired others.

Though the gates are locked, the school remains an entity and alive in the minds of many.

In reading the press and social media, it is apparent, in my opinion, that no opportunity for a management buy-out from the school's own education team was properly considered.

Therefore, the final axe is far from falling yet! With the premises available and left in a time warp of but a few weeks, and doubtless the majority of the staff in workless limbo, I would invite the creditors-liquidators, and those with a vested interest in the school, to reach out, come together and re-ignite the flame of St John's, and re-start it with a new business model.

School businesses can today be more innovative in the way they breathe and develop, and in this case a business alliance between the creditors, the liquidators, the former staff, and supportive ex-pupils would enable St John's to continue and prosper.

Harry never had crowd sourcing, crowd funding, and legacy giving and social media when he took the helm and led St John's forward in 1956.

We have these fantastic tools and our own energy and enthusiasm for St John's.

There is a great opportunity to seize and run with. I would ask the creditors to realise this opportunity.

Yes, stakeholders can work together to realise this opportunity. We owe it to Harry, and to the pupils, who were so brutally turfed out a few weeks ago, to use all of these tools and our own energy, commitment, and enthusiasm to come together – all four groups of us, to seize this chance and say: "We can."

Dr Ian Selby, London
(boarder at St John's 1973 – 1981)

Pupils capture wildlife award

MURCH Junior School was awarded first place in this year's Awards for Wildlife, by judges who commended it for the amount of wildlife habitat available and how it is looked after by the pupils.

They also named Y Bont Faen Primary School in second place, and Wick and District Nursery in third.

There were also high commendations for St Andrews Major Primary School, Cadoxton Nursery School, and the Amelia Trust Farm.

The winners received £250 and a framed certificate and presentation bowl, which was presented at this year's Vale Show.

Prizes of £100 and £50 were also awarded for second and third places respectively.

Judge Rob Parry of the Wildlife Trust of south and west Wales, said: "The school stood out for a number of reasons, not least because of the amount of wildlife habitat that is available and how the habitats are enjoyed by pupils and wildlife alike.

"Murch Junior School has managed to maintain effective ground for play and other school activities, whilst ensuring that wildlife habitats are created, managed, connected and enjoyed."

'My False Widows present no danger'

I AM writing in response to your article entitled '*Jason healing slowly... and issues warning on spider danger*' – in your newspaper dated August 14.

While there is no doubt that the gentleman in the article obviously had a very serious reaction to the bite of the False Widow spider, this would appear to have been the result of some kind of allergic reaction to the venom in the bite, similar to those who suffer allergic reactions when being stung by a wasp or bee.

Yet do you report on every wasp or bee sting and sensationalise them in such a manner? No.

The False Widow spider, much as you and other media outlets would like to try to show otherwise, is no more dangerous to humans and animals than wasps or bees (or any other biting/stinging insect or arachnid). In fact, it could be argued that they present much less of a threat due to the fact that, unlike wasps and bees, they very, very rarely come into contact with people and animals, and when they do, they tend to retreat out of the way if they are able to.

From the way in which some of the articles I've read are written, it makes it sound as if these spiders actively go out of their way to attack people which simply is not true!

I live in Penarth, and have three False Widow spiders (that I know of) living in my garden shed.

I know that they are there, they present absolutely no danger to me (or anyone else who uses my shed) whatsoever and I am more than happy for them to keep living in there.

If I were to take on board every over-dramatic report in the papers about these spiders and the "danger" that they pose to the public, I'd never leave the house!

Please try to exercise some sort of balance when reporting on these incidents. Thousands of people are stung by wasps every single day in the UK, and a small percentage of these will suffer allergic reactions very similar to the one suffered by the gentleman in the article.

In extreme cases, some of these people will actually die from the sting, yet you never hear this reported.

It would seem as if the poor old False Widow spider seems to be the criminal of choice at the moment.

False Widow spiders are in the UK and they are here to stay.

The sooner people get over that fact and accept it, the sooner the media can stop sensationalising every single bite or sting as if it is a major incident.

Mark Tully,
Penarth.

GEM NOTE:
The article concerned specifically stated that incidents of this kind are 'relatively isolated'.
In no sense, therefore, could it be described as 'sensationalising' the issue.
Mr Butler, a GEM reader, wanted his story told.
For him and his worried family it WAS a major incident.

Show visitors choose the favourite photo

'Coming Home' by Jim Thomas.

THE Vale Photographic Club mounted an exhibition of members' work at the recent Vale Show and included a competition for visitors to select their favourite photograph.

The most popular photograph was 'Coming Home' by member Jim Thomas, and the winner of the competition, selected at random from those choosing this picture, was Mr Lewis of Bridgend, who received a £10 book token.

The club meets at Ystradowen Village Hall on Fridays at 7.15pm. The new season starts on September 5. **GH**

Welsh learners' choir triumph in Eisteddfod

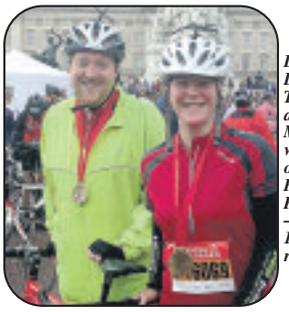
A CHOIR of Welsh learners from Barry, Cardiff and the Vale won first prize in their class at the Welsh national Eisteddfod in Llanelli.

Côr Dysgwyr Caerdydd a'r Fro, under the musical direction of Dot Connell of Barry, had strong competition from four other choirs, but succeeded in winning again after their win at the Llandow Eisteddfod two years ago.

The competition was held in the big pink pavilion on the main stage for the first time this year, so they also had to contend with TV cameras and bright lights! This was the first time for many choir members to attend the Eisteddfod, or compete on stage, and was a very memorable day indeed.

Da iawn pawb! **JT**

Two on a bike raise £1,200 for Air Ambulance



LEFT: Lizzie Townsend and Rhodri Mortimer, who took on the Prudential RideLondon – Surrey 100 bike ride.

TANDEM riders Lizzie Townsend from Bridgend and Rhodri Mortimer from Blackwood joined more than 20,000 cyclists in the Prudential Ride London – Surrey 100 challenge – to raise over £1,200 for Wales Air Ambulance.

Despite the thunder, lightning and buckets of rain that poured down, they managed to complete the whole cycle with smiles on their faces.

Lizzie said: "There was such a buzz about the whole day. People cheered when they saw our tandem and wished us luck. I'm still trying to get used to sitting still and not cycling up and down the hills of Surrey and past the sights of London!

"We felt elated that we'd worked so hard. We enjoyed every minute of it and have been able to raise over £1,000 for such an important charity.

As a paramedic, Lizzie chose to support the helicopter charity after seeing first-hand the difference that the service makes. "I have worked in emergency care for six years, and before I moved to London, I had the assistance of Wales Air Ambulance crew on several occasions.

"Each time, they had helped the patient in ways I would not have been able to. They offer a time-saving solution to getting the help they needed.

Lizzie recalls one time in particular where the assistance of the Wales Air Ambulance was vital: "I specifically remember an accident with a girl who had a minor head injury and had knocked out both her front teeth after falling off her bike.

"We were able to treat her and offer assistance to get her to A&E, but the journey by road would have taken an hour and a half. Wales Air Ambulance took her there in seven minutes. Their helicopters and crew are crucial and I hope with our fundraising that they can continue."

Wales Air Ambulance relies entirely on donations to fund its three helicopters in north, mid and south Wales, which costs over £6 million each year. To make a donation for Lizzie and Rhodri's fundraising efforts, visit https://www.justgiving.com/Lizzie-Townsend/.

Top doctors are honoured

THE top doctors of tomorrow have been honoured for the contributions they are making today.

Each year, the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University (ABMU) best trainee awards recognise their contribution.

They also take into account other aspects of trainee doctors' lives, from fundraising and any social activities they take part in during their year at ABMU Health Board.

This year, there were 18 nominations for the four award categories – seven senior trainees, three junior trainees, seven foundation trainees and one GP trainee.

ABMU vice chairman Dr Ed Roberts said: "All the nominations were of a very high standard but were eventually shortlisted to two for each category.

"The shortlisted trainees were then invited to give a presentation at the best trainee awards ceremony."

The eight nominations were: Carley Hopkins, Dr Robert Dean Smith, Dr Umakant Dave, Dr Adam Phillips, Dr Daniel Obaid, Dr Gemma Pearson, Dr Helen Fielding and Dr Nathan West.

Dr Adam Phillips was named best foundation trainee; Dr Nathan West and Dr Helen Fielding were joint winners of the best junior trainee category; the best senior trainee award went to Dr Daniel Obaid; and Dr Gemma Pearson was named best GP trainee.

Dr Roberts, who was one of the award judges, said: "The standard of the presentations was extremely high.

"Everyone agreed they were quite inspiring and although a choice of best trainee had to be made, everyone deserved to be a winner."

The Razzamatazz Robots' good news!

RAZZAMATAZZ ROBOTS' was this years theme for the Methodist Church holiday clubs across the Vale.

Through fun, games, craft, Bible memory verses, prayers, words and songs, the ministers and local leaders and helpers sought to share the good news of Jesus Christ to primary age children.

As the week progressed, the children learnt that we are not robots and are made in God's image.

Week one was held at St John Methodist Church, Barry Island, where up to 35 children attended daily across three days. Week two moved to The Gathering Place Church and Community Centre in St Athan, where up to 26 children came along each day.

In week three, we held a mini holiday club, at Crossway Methodist Church near Barry town centre. Up to 16 children came along.

Each of the three churches concluded with end of holiday club awards and celebration services.

For more information, contact Deacon Samantha Taylor (deaconsam@live.co.uk or 01446 406262 or Rev Pete Taylor (revpete@live.co.uk or 01446 406262).

One Sunday afternoon we had a Methodist summer praise on the beach at Barry Island in glorious weather!

The Methodist Church in the Vale looks forward to welcoming the new superintendents, Revs Carole and Phil Challis in September.

Rev Peter Taylor

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'Care sector sleepwalking into disaster' – *Forum chief*

Mario Kreft, chair of Care Forum Wales.

A SOCIAL care leader has called for fundamental changes to tackle a "dire shortage of nurses" in the Vale, leading to nursing home closures that will push the NHS beyond breaking point.

Mario Kreft MBE, chair of Care Forum Wales, has claimed the major cause of the problem is the flawed way in which social care is commissioned: "The commissioning process should be about quality and securing value for money and not about paying the lowest possible price."

Mr Kreft spoke out after it was revealed two homes in the Bridgend area were closing. HC-One, which owns Abergarw Manor in Brynmenyn and Southmead Grange in South Cornelly, blamed 'a national shortage of nursing staff' for the 'very difficult decision'.

The closures are symptomatic of the problems also affecting care homes across the Vale of Glamorgan.

Mr Kreft said: "We know there are major issues affecting the care sector in the Vale of Glamorgan, particularly in care homes registered for nursing. The owners of the two homes in Bridgend have been quite clear that for them the overriding issue was the lack of nurses, the inability to recruit enough nurses of the right calibre.

"That is something that is reflected across Wales. It should be recognised that the commissioning arrangements make it very difficult to attract people to work in the sector.

"In Wales, we don't commission for quality, it's more about price, and we then work backwards from the fee that we're given by local authorities and local health boards.

Another important fact was "The NHS is refusing to pay for 24/7 nursing presence in nursing homes, yet the Welsh Government regulations insist on this.

"There are a total of over 20,000 beds in the independent social care sector in Wales and of those, 11,500 beds are for people who need nursing care – and these beds are underpinning the ability of the NHS to function.

"There are simply not enough new homes being built to replace the ones that are being lost and this will affect communities across Wales.

"If we don't sort this relatively quickly, the closures are going to accelerate much more quickly than new investment is coming in – all at a time of soaring demand in an ageing society and when the NHS is also bursting at the seams.

"If we don't bring more nurses into the independent sector then we're going to find that the closures which will inevitably come about will mean that more people will have to reside or find their services in a hospital bed," he warned.

"If we're not going to get the quality of commissioning that recognises the quality of staff that we need – both qualified nurses and qualified social care workers – we will be sleepwalking into a disaster," Mr Kreft concluded.

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Our GEM Facebook winner for August 14, 2014 is:

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ABOVE: Dr Wendy Lees, Dr Sue Thomas, chairman John Fanshaw, Coun Val Hartrey and David Thomas (treasurer).

Group hears benefits of new medical centre

GUEST speaker Dr Sue Thomas, senior GP at Dinas Powys Health Centre spoke of the positive benefits of the proposed medical centre, at the Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern AGM.

She highlighted the growth in the number of patients, doctors and staff. The number of pensioners had significantly increased to 24 per cent of patients. The current premises on Cardiff Road were inadequate for the demands of the community.

Fifty alternative sites have been examined and the only appropriate site where there was available land, was at the former St Cyres School, Murch Crescent.

One of the priorities of the GPs was to keep people out of hospital and to be treated in the community.

The medical centre will have more rooms and be able to offer additional services. This might include therapists, care work and advice sessions. There would be provision for patients parking.

Access to the new centre was a concern to some and it is hoped that Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern would be able to assist with transport.

Elected as chairman were Coun John Fanshaw, vice chairman Alan Higgins, secretary Wendy Lees and treasurer David Thomas.

Committee members include Brian West, Colin Turner, Coun Chris Franks, Rev Andrew James, Coun Keith Hatton and Judith Anderson. Val Hartrey continues as the Community Council representative.

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'Give children's safety priority during summit' – *Plaid man's call*

PLAID CYMRU councillor Ian Johnson has said that the safety of schoolchildren "must be the first priority" – when the Nato conference is held in Cardiff early next month.

The Vale Council has issued guidance to schools to close early on September 3 and 5 and to open late on September 4. Cardiff Council has now issued its own guidance to a considerable number of schools.

Coun Ian Johnson said that this sort of disruption would have to be expected when a major international event is being planned in south Wales, and that the possibility of an incident must be taken seriously.

The Cardiff and Vale Local Health Board have also said that they may be forced to close Barry Hospital for minor injuries to deal with the summit.

Coun Ian Johnson said this showed the lack of capacity when it comes to staffing in the NHS and that summit organisers hadn't considered the impact on ordinary people.

Coun Ian Johnson said: "The safety and well-being of our schoolchildren has to be the absolute priority at a time when the eyes of the world will be on Wales. The UK Government made a decision that Wales would play host to a large number of world dignitaries and military leaders during term-time – a large group of people who are, inevitably, terrorist targets at a time of international instability.

"This will inevitably lead to disruption on our roads as their safety and schedules are given priority over those on the school run or heading to and from work.

"It is an inconvenience forced upon us by the UK Government and I find it strange that somebody like Alun Cairns MP, whose party insisted that the Nato conference be held here, complains that security is prioritised like this.

"It is naïve and simplistic to think otherwise. Quite simply, there would be no disruption to our schools, or threats to our safety, if his Government had not organized this event, in Wales, during term-time.

"All we can hope is that the conference is a security success and that it passes off peacefully.

"That is especially the case if Barry Hospital faces closure during the summit because of the lack of available staff, who will be drafted into Cardiff for security purposes – and forcing Barry people to go to Cardiff even for minor injuries.

"This shows the limited capacity of our Welsh NHS to deal with major events like this.

"Sadly the organisers of the summit don't seem to have considered how an event like this impacts upon everyday life for people in Barry, unconnected to the events at Celtic Manor many miles away."

Local MP Alun Cairns said he was concerned that the disruption to hospital services, in addition to a number of school closures during the summit, leaves residents in the Vale with a number of issues to contend with.

He said: "I simply cannot understand the logic of closing the Minor Injuries Unit in Barry, effectively forcing local residents from the Vale to travel into Cardiff, where the pressure on services will he heightened during the Nato summit.

"I am told that the reason for closure is to provide extra cover in Cardiff. Surely, it would be better to keep Barry MIU open as normal, and extend the unit to residents from west Cardiff – thus reducing congestion in Cardiff. Local businesses and residents in and around the Barry area will be left without an important facility.

"The Nato summit is a wonderful opportunity for the Vale, but it is important that the local health board maintains services locally."

AM's TRIBUTE TO DINAS POWYS CHAMPION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS

THIS tribute to Audrey Jones of Dinas Powys, who died on Saturday (August 16) was written by Jane Hutt AM.

Audrey Jones was not only a dedicated and inspirational teacher, she was a courageous and committed feminist who helped form the Wales Women's Rights Committee, Wales Assembly of Women.

She was a long-term contributor to UN consultations and debates upholding women's rights across the world, attending the UN as a delegate for Wales in the past five years, supported by the Welsh Government.

I always welcomed the contributions made by Audrey at our Labour Party meetings, when I was sure to learn a great deal from her questions and scrutiny of my reports, as her Assembly Member and Minister in the Welsh Government.

She was sympathetic to the challenges I described, but was clear about how I had to move forward and represent the interests of my constituency more effectively – especially women and vulnerable people.

Her love of the arts featured strongly in her life and we enjoyed a shared interest in contemporary music. It was wonderful to see Audrey at the Vale of Glamorgan Music Festival in May with her son and friends.

She was also a keen supporter of the Vale of Glamorgan Artists attending the VOGA art exhibitions across the Vale.

Audrey Jones will be greatly missed by her family, friends, the Labour Party and the wide political and friendship network she developed across the world from her home in Dinas Powys.

Jane Hutt, AM for the Vale of Glamorgan

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Farm boy who became a local blues legend

THE END OF AN ERA...

CARDIFF blues legend Cal Newman sadly lost his short battle with cancer last week. Cal was a much loved and respected guitarist and singer performing country-blues, ragtime and slide in a varied set of well honed blues.

Cal discovered the blues as a child of eight – so moved by the depth of this music that he taught himself to sing and play guitar.

From this simple beginning, he went from being a farm boy to a full time musician, this was achieved through single-minded determination and more than a fair share of talent.

The talents of Cal eventually came to the attention of the Welsh Arts Council who invited him to set up a workshop for aspiring guitarists. This workshop not only attracted artists, but working musicians wanting to take their music to a higher place.

The music of Cal Newman can be described as Deep Blues reflecting something of the life of the enigmatic soul singer. His singing captured the mood of the songs, from Muddy Waters to Ry Cooder and allowed his audience to experience the deep emotions of the singer and the songs.

In the early days, Cal played the smoky clubs and bars of Cardiff's Dockland and went on to perform with his 'Muddy River Blues Band' at St David's Hall. He also worked for TV as host for 'Sounds of Britain' and was commissioned to compose theme music for many television documentaries in collaboration with Wayne Warlow, top music director in Wales at that time.

CAL NEWMAN.

For 15 years throughout the '70s and '80s, Cal hosted the show at the Inn on the River and played with every major Welsh musician during that time. To have played with and heard him, is to have had the Cal Newman experience.

Cal settled down to family life in the town of Llantwit Major with his then wife Marion and three children, Dean, Glen and Lisa. Many an opportunity was turned down by this very humble man, who only ever wanted what was best for his family. If it meant being taken away for long periods of time, fame and fortune would always take second place.

It was love at first sight for Ani and Cal when they first met in the early seventies and have been soul mates for over 40 years: "I've never seen two people more in love. They adored each other and happily spent every waking moment together," said Lisa Newman, Cal's daughter.

He was well loved and respected by all who met him, and will be greatly missed.

The funeral will be held on August 28 at A. G. Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home Gladstone Road, Barry, South Glamorgan CF62 8NA

The Wake will be at 2:30pm in the Memorial Hall (next door), in Gladstone Road; telephone 01446 738622.

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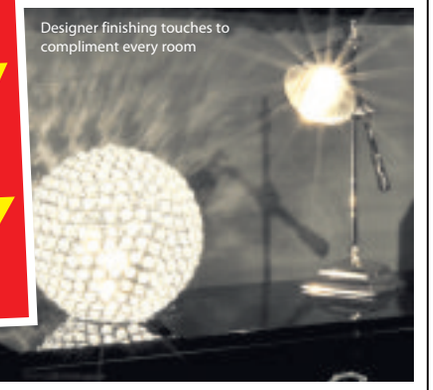
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(SEE MORE SHOW RESULTS AND PICTURES ON PAGES 19, and 22-25)

Plaid man hits out at 'stop and search' policy on children

PLAID CYMRU Westminster candidate for Ogmore, Tim Thomas, has raised concerns over recent figures revealing the number of South Wales Police stop and searches on children.

He said figures he had obtained under the Freedom of Information Act reveal that over the last five years, South Wales Police have stopped and searched 620 children under the age of 12, including 94 children under the age of 10.

The figures also reveal that from a total of 16,000 stop and searches, 12 per cent were actioned on young people under 16 years old.

Mr Thomas commented: "The stop and search figures reveal how police interact with young people and this concerns me. It shows that a new approach needs to be implemented to ensure that young children are always treated differently to adults.

"The age of criminal prosecution in England and Wales is 10 years old, which is one of the lowest in Europe. This unreasonable threshold is condemning people for mistakes they have made in their youth and is holding back people predominantly from vulnerable backgrounds.

"When you consider young people are heavily represented as victims of crime, we need to improve the relationship and trust between young people and the police.

"This is another reason why I would like to see the full devolution of policing as recommended by the Silk Report, so we would at the very least be able to debate such changes in the Senedd and have our police follow the Scottish example.

"In the meantime, new guidelines on police stop and search on children should be introduced," he concluded.

The GEM invited South Wales Police to comment but, at the time of going to press, a response had not been received.

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Mrs Thomas receiving her award.

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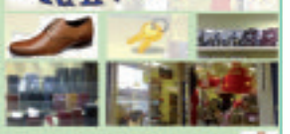

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Guide Dogs find gold in Cowbridge!

Paul and Darren from Select Convenience and Judith Edwards, puppy walker, with 11-month-old puppy Del.

THERE was great excitement for the Guide Dogs for the Blind recently, as a gold half-sovereign was discovered in the counter top collection box in Select Convenience, Eastgate, Cowbridge.

Paul and Darren have allowed Guide Dogs to have a counter top box since they opened shop nearly two years ago.

Because of the generosity of their customers, it needs emptying frequently!

The sovereign was authenticated by Mr Johnson of Johnson Jewellery, Westgate Cowbridge, and valued at between £70 and £80!

Guide Dogs would like to thank the people of Cowbridge, who are very supportive of the local puppy walkers.

All the local businesses allow the puppies in – even the noisy, badly behaved ones! Local people know not to approach a puppy in training, as puppies get easily distracted.

Anyone who feels they would like to be a puppy walker can ring the number below.

Sara Edwards and her friend Tom are taking part in a sponsored bike ride in September 7.

They are having an evening in the Duke on Saturday, August 23, to help raise funds for the Guide Dogs.

The tickets are £10; there will be music and a light buffet. Tickets are available on 02920 596785.

Katherine Price

'WE WERE IN THE PICTURE!'

WITH reference to last week's photo in The GEM of Cowbridge Girls' High School (1971) this was the year I passed my O-Levels and both my sister and I together with 'chums' are in this photo. We were Catherine and Elspeth Watts, and we lived in Llanblethian at the time.

Kate Thomas, Aberthin

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Equestrian meeting

THE annual gathering of adult and young horse riders took place on Sunday, August 17.

The venue changed to the more convenient and accessible field at the rear of Llangan school. Children from the age of nine years were eligible to take part with the adults.

Colourful

ONCE again, it's congratulations to Diane and Rhys Llewellyn for the colourful display in their garden in Llangan village!

Harvest festival

THIS year's harvest festival service at Saron Chapel, Treoes, will take place on Sunday, September 7, at the later time of 4pm, officiating cleric, Pastor Ken Adams. Everyone will be assured of a warm welcome.

Get well

GOOD wishes are extended to Young-At-Heart Club member Mrs Norma Newman, who is in the Princess of Wales Hospital at Bridgend. The club will resume its meetings in the first week in September so, hopefully, members who have been ill during the summer break will be fit enough to join their friends!

World War One memorabilia

COWBRIDGE Museum will commemorate the First World War with a display of items and memories on September 5-6. Entry is free.

The display will contain a small section about the Cowbridge-based Haywood family, who had 11 adult children on active service, and other items will relate specifically to Cowbridge and more generally to the UK.

Taking its title, 'Keep the Home Fires Burning', from the popular song by Cardiff-born Ivor Novello, it will look at home life 'while the lads are far from home'.

RNIB Cymru calls for volunteers

RNIB Cymru is looking for befrienders to visit blind and partially-sighted local people in their homes.

Sharon Jones, the sight loss charity's volunteering development advisor, said: "Sight loss can be very isolating. We know that nearly half of blind and partially sighted people feel cut off from people and things around them, which is why befrienders are so important.

"Befriender volunteers perform a vital role. Something simple such as help in reading correspondence, or a shopping trip, or even providing a few hours' company can make such a huge difference to the lives of people with sight loss."

Volunteers will receive training, and all out of pocket expenses will be provided.

For more information about this and all other volunteering roles, visit tinyurl.com/volrct.

Bridge results

COWBRIDGE and District (Llanblethian) Bridge Results for August 5:

1st, Hugh Williams and Pauline Lane, 61.51 per cent; 2nd, Marian East and Rita Williams, 59.92; 3rd, Mary Thomas and Denis Barker, 57.94.

August 12: 1st, Mary Thomas and Denis Barker, 63.64 per cent; 2nd, Hugh Williams and Pauline Lane 62.34; 3rd, Anne Hughes and Teri Pollard, 58.44. ***ME***

Out and About with The GEM

Pug festival is in memory of Poppy

Vet Richard Williams.

Wildlife expert Dr Rhys Jones.

WALES' first ever pug festival is being held on August 24 at Court Colman Manor, Bridgend, to raise money for Jemima's Place animal trust.

Activities include a grand pug dog show, agility show, courtesy of Dogs Trust Bridgend and a VIP area (Very Important Pug) sponsored by Fruity Bouquets, Bridgend.

Stalls and gift areas, childrens' play zone, including face painting, bouncy castle, candy karts, ice creams and other activities in the Busy Bees Day Nursery Bridgend marquee.

TV vet Richard Williams will be on hand along with BBC wildlife expert Dr Rhys Jones, to talk about pet care, and there will also be grooming displays and other presentations in the Vale Vets marquee.

Pugfest will start at 12 noon with an official opening by the Mayor of Bridgend county borough, Coun Gary Thomas, and runs until 5pm.

Event organiser Robert Clowes said: "I decided to organise Pugfest in honor of my little girl pug Poppy who recently sadly passed away. It's going to be a great day for pug owners and pug lovers alike."

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- **£2,000:** 493470.
- **The rollover, which now stands at £2,500 was not won this week.**
- **£10:** 818393, 897124, 375908, 436554, 211270, 865062, 254243, 732220, 171499, 305271, 197510, 141781, 207356, 832821, 439812, 276472, 424758, 165568, 713457, 1676.
- **£5:** 197612, 794791, 169611, 806723, 261045, 515921, 514210, 446825, 213341, 621591, 978711, 389002, 771059, 241437, 594544, 252418, 818466, 518047, 555088, 185743, 488196, 376483, 255068, 197171, 701977, 308311, 392644, 322466, 417303, 273075, 239283, 328776, 332851, 379316, 678030, 247082, 382646, 412454, 212188, 834298, 797877, 479137, 538203, 642657, 546035, 125769, 545537, 832597, 496666, 863099, 814514, 673455, 640943, 615766, 521696, 614652, 648069, 342716, 1298, 494.

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THE ROVER IS A POWERFUL AND SPARSE PIECE OF WORK

by GARETH JAMIESON
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FOR those who know Robert Pattinson as the pasty faced Edward in the *Twilight* franchise, the general consensus is of an actor prone to blank expressions and awkward acting.

However outside of the much-maligned vampire films, Pattinson has worked with directors such as David Cronenberg and shown some semblance of talent, with his latest film, *The Rover*, seeing him work with *Animal Kingdom's* David Michod.

Set 10 years after a social and economic collapse that gets no further explanation, Pattinson plays Rey, who, when his brother Henry (Scoot McNairy), and his gang steal Eric's (Guy Pearce) car, becomes a pawn used by Eric in order for him to get his car back – and heaven forbid anybody get in his way…

Animal Kingdom was a film that created much impact upon release, the tale of a family caught up in a world of crime gritty and captivating; that David Michod has followed that up with a similarly hard-baked tale is not overly surprising, but what is surprising is how minimalistic the film is, but no less powerful for it.

Michod's screenplay gets very little embellishment, with few answers offered (there is no explanation for the 'collapse' for example) but with hints slowly and intriguingly revealed. This applies to the characters as well, back story a dirty word here. Instead Michod lets the characters live in the moment, and only when their actions get too much does he even begin to unravel what has gone on before the opening credits.

Visually the film is bleak and oppressive, sunbaked and gritty, the Australian outbreak a fitting backdrop for this tale of vengeance and betrayal. It feels like a dystopian Western, long shots of parched land with Eric's car substituting for his horse, and Henry and his gang the black hats who have stolen it.

But there is something timeless about it, both in terms of Michod's direction and the story, that means it isn't beholden to any rules other than its own, and while ostensibly a chase film, it weaves in other elements to make for a rounded offering.

It's slow pace and meandering feel means that the performances have to engage in order for the film to grab your attention, and they certainly do. The film hangs on the shoulders of Guy Pearce, before Robert Pattinson's arrival and how their relationship plays out forms the crux of the film, and both actors deliver fine performances.

Pearce is a known quantity, rarely anything but watchable, and his stoic, driven Eric is a man of few words, but Pearce projects malevolence and heartbreak in equal measure, a man clinging onto the one thing that matters to him in a world gone awry with nothing left to lose.

Pattinson is the surprising turn; Rey is a character who, separated from his brother's gang, becomes submissive to the needs of Eric.

Yet behind his simple manner, you wonder whether Rey is planning something, or has a greater understanding than he's letting on, something Pattinson's excellent performance really conveys; his bursts of violence hinting that Rey's true ability to express himself comes through violence.

While its slow-burning tone won't be for everyone, if you stick with *The Rover* then you'll l be rewarded – David Michod's sophomore effort an economic and powerful offering.

VERDICT – Hard going, tension-filled and anchored by two excellent lead turns, *The Rover* is a powerful offering from David Michod.

The basic story is given just the right amount of embellishment, and the film looks as tough and gritty as Guy Pearce and Robert Pattinson superb performances. *Highly recommended*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKE: *Drive* (2011), *The Proposition* (2005).

Fun day in Sully

A FAMILY fun day takes place at Sully Sports and Social Club, South Road, Sully, on Saturday, August 23 from 10pm until late to raise money and awareness for Alzheimer's Research UK and St David's hospice care.

It's free entry and fairground, bouncy castles, live music from 12pm-6pm, beer tent, plus the club's bar will be open.

The club will be putting on a barbecue. The police will be attending, along with fire engines and many stalls offering jewellery, balloon modelling, face painting, tutus, plus much more.

Award winning magician James Piper will be offering walkabout magic in the crowds from 1pm-3pm.

'Wooden horse' race for two local hospices

THE Farmers' Union of Wales' Glamorgan and Gwent branches are organising a wooden horse race night for union president Emyr Jones' charity fund for children's hospices Tŷ Hafan and Tŷ Gobaith, on Saturday, August 30 at 7pm.

The event, at FUW member Lorraine Howells' Cwm Carno Farm, near Rhymney, will feature races where six wooden horses are auctioned off before the start of each race with the winners proceeding to a grand final.

"This is the second time we are hosting this event and following its past success in 2012, when we raised over £4,000 for cancer charities, we hope to raise some vital funds for these two great charities," said FUW Glamorganshire county executive officer, Rachel Saunders.

"All the races will be sponsored by local businesses and tickets include a cold meat supper meal and a disco.

"We hope to build on the generosity of local members and businesses by raising even more for charity this year and we hope the word has spread about how much everyone who attended in 2012 enjoyed themselves and even more people will come this year.

"Tickets are on sale now for £10 and will be available on the FUW stand at the Bedwellty Show, or from the union's county offices in Cowbridge (01446 774838) and Abergavenny (01873 853280)

"If any local business wishes to sponsor a race, there is still some availability left and more information can be obtained from the county office," added Mrs Saunders.

FREE COFFEE!

THERE will be a free coffee morning in Llantwit Major on Wednesday, September 3 at the Western Vale Integrated Children's Centre on Station Road 10.30am – 12.30pm. There is no need for people to book in advance. It's a chance to meet new people and find out more about the services Diverse Cymru has to offer.

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Out and About with The GEM

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE?

Dinas Powys village show

DINAS POWYS Village Show takes place on Saturday, August 30, at the Parish and Lee Halls.

Competition classes, all 115 of them, range from cookery to flowers, vegetables and fruit to photography, art and needlework to craftwork; plus the entries for the young people's classes.

Outside entertainment includes live music from the Dinas Powys Ecumenical Seven, two Punch and Judy shows, free face-painting and balloon modelling; as well as the model railway, bouncy castle (weather permitting), Owls 4 U and all the community stalls, as well as the travelling scarecrows, Robert and Agnes, who can be seen around the village prior to the day of the show.

A raffle takes place at 4.15pm followed by presentation of trophies.

Admission is 50p (free for school-age children). Call Val on 02920 513274 or Keith on 02920 514173.

Charity tea

AFTERNOON tea at Old School Hall, Sully, on Sunday, August 31 at 3.30pm; £3 per person, everyone welcome.

Funds raised will go towards Mothers' Union charities overseas and in the Vale.

Rose Cottage welcomes you!

ROSE Cottage, 32 Blackmill Road, Bryncethin, Bridgend, C32 9YN, will be open under the National Gardens Scheme later this month.

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Tax help

TAXHELP for older people will hold an advice surgery at Pencoed Library on Thursday, September 4. To book an appointment, or to use the telephone helpline, call 0845 601 3321.

NCT nearly new sale

A NEARLY new sale on behalf of the Vale & Valleys branch of the National Childbirth Children's Trust will be held at Cowbridge Leisure Centre, The Broadshoard, Cowbridge CF71 7DA on Saturday, September 13 at 11am – 12.30pm (doors open 10.45am for NCT members with membership card). Entrance/suggested donation £1/adult. Baby/children's clothes, toys, equipment (eg prams) and maternity wear.

Sellers, contact Julie on 01656 662564 to re-register by September 10 (and for details of what can/can't be sold) or email nctnearlynewsales@live.co.uk.

Donations, cakes and raffle prizes gratefully received.

The branch is raising funds to train two breastfeeding counsellors and an antenatal teacher. www.nct.org.uk/in-your-area/southwales; Facebook 'NCT Vale & Valleys'.

Cadets' AGM

ON Tuesday, September 23, Penarth Sea Cadets will be holding their annual general meeting at the Sea Cadet Unit, Stanwell Crescent, Penarth at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Enfys Craft fair

ENFYS Craft Fair resumes at the St Francis' Millennium Hall, Park Road, on Saturday, September 6 betwen 10am and 4pm. Entrance is free.

The charity for September is Music in the Vale. For more information, contact Beryl on 01446 418695, or Cyril on 01446 400149.

Live a life of adventure... WITH MARIA LEIJERSTAM

Double world record holder Maria Leijerstam from the Vale of Glamorgan, founder of the Burn Series of multisport events and a qualified personal trainer, inspires you with a weekly column on simple family sporting adventures in the beautiful countryside of south Wales. Maria will guide you on how and where in your area you can combine sport and fitness into family fun.

WE all enjoy the freedom of our beautiful Welsh beaches and the urge to test the water is more often than not compulsive amongst the younger generation.

Given this, it is so important to ensure that every member of the family knows how to swim.

The best place to start is your local swimming pool. Swimming is an excellent form of low impact exercise that the whole family can enjoy, yet you can still work up a good heart rate if you push yourself hard enough.

Over the last week, while the weather has turned autumnal, I've been at my local swimming pool most mornings notching up the lengths. It's true, swimming many lengths can become repetitive and therefore it's essential to make it fun.

This week's challenge is a family swimathon: each member of the family chooses a different stroke. You can choose from breast stroke, front crawl, back stroke or doggy paddle (technically not a stroke but quite fun and it certainly burns some energy).

Decide what order you will swim in and then, in a relay style, set off swimming your chosen stroke. If a length is too far for your children then do a width instead. The clock begins as the first swimmer starts and ends as the last swimmer finishes.

Remember to record your time.

Now do it again, but each choose a different stroke from the first time. The idea here is to find out your family's optimum combination of strokes.

Playing to your strengths is always a good idea and working in a team where strengths vary produces the best type of teams.

There is no need for swimming to be a solitary sport, so set a date and get your whole family down to your local swimming pool.

Make sure you join me next week for more sport and adventure and in the meantime check out www.burnseries.co.uk

Maria Leijerstam

Footnote: This column is provided for idea purposes only. Always check with your doctor if you have concerns about your health, prior to embarking on any form of physical activity and let someone know where you are going.

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Vale Show results: Sheep classes

WELSH MOUNTAIN

CLASS 30 Ram: 1st, ELINOR WILLIAMS, CASTELL LLWYD FARM, NELSON, TREHARRIS; 2nd, ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM, HAFODYRYNYS, CRUMLIN; 3rd, S.H. & C WILLIAMS, PANTYCORNANT FARM, GLWYNOGWR, BLACKMILL BRIDGEND.

CLASS 31 Ram Lamb: 1st, ARTHUR DAVIES, MAES YR ONN, MANMOEL, BLACKWOOD; 2nd, ELINOR WILLIAMS, CASTELL LLWYD FARM; 3rd, ELINOR WILLIAMS, CASTELL LLWYD FARM.

CLASS 32 One Ewe: 1st, S.H. & C WILLIAMS, PANTYCORNANT FARM, GLWYNOGWR, BLACKMILL BRIDGEND; 2nd, ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM; 3rd, ARTHUR DAVIES, MAES YR ONN.

CLASS 33 One Ewe Lamb: 1st, ARTHUR DAVIES, MAES YR ONN; 2nd, ELINOR WILLIAMS, CASTELL LLWYD FARM; 3rd, S.H. & C WILLIAMS, PANTYCORNANT FARM.

THE WESTERN MAIL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the BEST EXHIBIT in the WELSH MOUNTAIN SHEEP CLASSES.

Winner, S.H. & C WILLIAMS, PANTYCORNANT FARM; Res, ELINOR WILLIAMS, CASTELL LLWYD FARM.

BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN SHEEP

CLASS 34 Ram: 1st, EDWARD MORGAN, PHEONIX WAY, PENALLTA, HENGOED; 2nd, CHERIE & GERALD PHILLIPS, PANT Y MAEN, CAPEL ISAAC, LLANDEILO; 3rd, MISS BETHAN DAVIES, BRYN YR EGLWYS, LLANFYNYDD, CARMARTHEN.

CLASS 35 Ram Lamb: 1st, MR SIMON & MRS SARA JONES, CWMDU GANOL FAR, GARTH, MAESTEG; 2nd, M/S PALMER AND HAYWARD, YSGUDORGOCH FARM, ST ANDREWS MAJOR; 3rd, P.J. BERTORELLI, PENCOED FARM, CEFN CARVAN RD. BRYNCETHIN.

CLASS 36 One Ewe: 1st, BETHAN DAVIES, BRYN YR EGLWYS, LLANFYNYDD, CARMARTHEN; 2nd, M/S PALMER & HAYWARD, YSGUBORGOCH FARM; 3rd, MR SIMON & MRS SARA JONES, CWMDU GANOL FAR.

CLASS 37 One Ewe Lamb: 1st, CHERIE & GERALD PHILLIPS, PANT Y MAEN; 2nd, EDWARD MORGAN, PHEONIX WAY; 3rd, MISS BETHAN DAVIES, BRYN YR EGLWYS.

THE RICHARD EVANS-BEVAN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TANKARD FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN CLASSES.

Winner, BETHAN DAVIES, BRYN YR EGLWYS.

SUFFOLK

CLASS 38 Ram: 1st, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM, BONVILSTON, CARDIFF; 2nd, C.V.THOMAS, PENCOED FARM, COYCHURCH RD, PENCOED.

CLASS 39 Ram Lamb: 1st, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM;2nd, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 3rd, C.V.THOMAS, PENCOED FARM.

CLASS 40 One Ewe: 1st, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 2nd, C.V.THOMAS, PENCOED FARM; 3rd, JAMES DAVIES, TUDOR BARN, THE GARN FARM, ST. HILARY.

CLASS 41 One Ewe Lamb: 1st, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 2nd, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 3rd, C.V. THOMAS, PENCOED FARM.

THE EDWARDS GELDARD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE SUFFOLK SHEEP CLASSES

Winner/champ, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; Res, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM.

TEXEL

CLASS 42 Ram: 1st, T & R. ADAMS, TY MEDI, LLANTRITHYD; 2nd, T & R. ADAMS, TY MEDI; 3rd, TONY WILLIAMS, DOBBINS ROAD, BARRY.

CLASS 43 Ram Lamb: 1st, T & R. ADAMS, TY MEDI; 2nd, TONY WILLIAMS, DOBBINS ROAD; 3rd, TONY WILLIAMS, DOBBINS ROAD.

CLASS 44 One Ewe: 1st, DIANE EVANS, DERIMOELION FARM, DRYSLWYN, CARMARTHEN; 2nd, T & R. ADAMS, TY MEDI; 3rd, TONY WILLIAMS, DOBBINS ROAD.

CLASS 45 One Ewe Lamb: 1st, T & R. ADAMS, TY MEDI; 2nd, DIANE EVANS, DERIMOELION FARM; 3RD, BA & PJ MEE, PANY Y GWERYN, WHITLAND, CARMS.

THE MARY HOMFRAY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the Best Exhibit in the Texel Sheep Classes.

Winner, DIANE EVANS, DERIMOELION FARM; Res, T & R. ADAMS, TY MEDI.

RYELAND

CLASS 46 Ram: 1st, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE, OXWICH GREEN, SWANSEA; 2nd, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; 3rd, W. H. WILLIAMS & SON, DOLAU IFAN DDU, BLACKMILL, BRIDGEND; 4th, BA &PJ MEE, PANY Y GWERYN.

CLASS 47 Ram Lamb: 1st, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; 2nd, BA &PJ MEE, PANY Y GWERYN; 3rd, SIMON GILBERT, GOLWG YR HAUL, BRECON ROAD, PENYCAE, SWANSEA; BA &PJ MEE, PANY Y GWERYN; R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE.

CLASS 48 One Ewe: 1st, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; 2nd, W. H. WILLIAMS & SON, DOLAU IFAN DDU; 3rd, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; 4th, W. H. WILLIAMS & SON, DOLAU IFAN DDU.

CLASS 49 One Ewe Lamb: 1st, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; 2nd, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; 3rd, BA &PJ MEE, PANY Y GWERYN; 4th, W. H. WILLIAMS & SON, DOLAU IFAN DDU.

THE TOM DAVIES 'MONKTON' MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR THE WINNER OF THE RYLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

WINNER/CHAMP, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; RES, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE (THREE).

OPEN MIXED CONTINENTIAL BREED, OTHER THAN TEXEL

CLASS 50 Ram: 1st, JOHN HARDING, INGST HILL FARM, OLVESTON, BRISTOL; 2nd, COLLWYN HYWEL REES, SOMERSET FARM, ST. DONATS; 3rd, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM, LLANTRISANT.

CLASS 51 Ram Lamb: 1st, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM; 2nd, COLLWYN HYWEL REES, SOMERSET FARM; 3rd, JOHN HARDING, INGST HILL FARM.

CLASS 52 One Ewe: 1st, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM; 2nd, COLLWYN HYWEL REES, SOMERSET FARM; 3rd, ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM, HAFODYRYNYS, CRUMLIN.

CLASS 53 One Ewe Lamb: 1st, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM; 2nd, JOHN HARDING, INGST HILL FARM; 3rd, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM.

THE CHAPMAN AND FREARSON CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST CONTINENTAL BREED EXHIBIT

Winner, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM; Res, JOHN HARDING, INGST HILL FARM.

OPEN MIXED NATIVE BREED OTHER THAN WELSH MOUNTAIN, BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN, SUFFOLK & RYELAND

CLASS 54 Ram: 1st, JAMES HEPBURN, FARMHOUSE WAY, CARDIFF; 2nd, JANE BISSETT, WOODLANDS ROAD, BARRY; 3rd, MARY HUME, TY CRIBWR FARM, FOUNTAIN, BRIDGEND.

CLASS 55 Ram Lamb: 1st, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM,; 2nd, JAMES HEPBURN, FARMHOUSE WAY; 3rd, JANE BISSETT, WOODLANDS ROAD.

CLASS 56 One Ewe: 1st, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 2nd, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 3rd, JAMES HEPBURN, FARMHOUSE WAY.

CLASS 57 One Ewe Lamb: 1st, MARY HUME, TY CRIBWR FARM; 2nd, JAMES HEPBURN, FARMHOUSE WAY; 3rd, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM.

COLOURED SHEEP(ANY PURE BREED WITH COLOURED WOOL)

CLASS 58 Ram: 1st, TOM NAYLOR, TY MAWR FARM, LLANGAN; 2nd, MRS. J.A. JAMES, FRAMPTON COTT, LLANTWIT MAJOR.

CLASS 59 Ram Lamb: 1st, ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM; 2nd, JANE BISSETT, WOODLANDS ROAD; 3rd, BA &PJ MEE, PANY Y GWERYN; 4th, GRIFF NAYLOR, TY MAWR FARM, LLANGAN.

CLASS 60 One Ewe: 1st, ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM; 2nd, ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM; 3rd, MRS. J. A. JAMES, FRAMPTON COTT.

CLASS 61 One Ewe Lamb: 1st, ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM; 2nd, JANE BISSETT, WOODLANDS ROAD.

CLASS 62 Group of 3 Continental Breed Sheep comprising of one male and two females to be shown in previous classes and property of the same exhibitor: 1st, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM; 2nd, COLLWYN HYWEL REES, SOMERSET FARM, ST. DONATS; 3rd, JOHN HARDING, INGST HILL FARM.

GROUP OF 3

CLASS 63 Group of 3 Native Breed Sheep comprising of one male and two females to be shown in previous classes and property of the same exhibitor: 1st, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 2nd, MISS BETHAN DAVIES, BRYN YR EGLWYS; 3rd, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE.

The R S Thomas Perpetual Challenge Cup

Winner, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM; Res, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM.

ANY BREED

CLASS 64 Best Ram Lamb (untrimmed). Not to be shown in any other class: 1st, ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM; 2nd, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM; 3rd, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM,.

CLASS 65 Novice Sheep and Handler: 1st, MISS LAUREN DAVID, TORGELLY FARM, LLANHARRY, PONTYCLUN; 2nd, J. HOWELLS C/O TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM, BONVILSTON, CARDIFF; 3rd, JACOB BISSETT C/O JANE BISSETT, WOODLANDS ROAD.

COMMERCIAL SHEEP (ANY BREED)

CLASS 66 A pair of Butcher's Lambs (under 35 kilos): 1st, MR. R. DAVID, TORGELLY FARM; 2ND, R.S. THOMAS & SON, SUTTON NEWYDD FARM, WICK; 3rd, HANNAH & LEWYS ROBINS, MARLBOROUGH GRANGE FARM, COWBRIDGE.

CLASS 67 A pair of Butcher's Lambs (over 35kilos): 1st, ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM; 2nd, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 3RD, R.S. THOMAS & SON, SUTTON NEWYDD FARM.

The Mrs. CAMERON-ROSE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL For the BEST EXHIBIT IN THE COMMERCIAL SHEEP CLASSES.

Winner, Aled Groucott, Swffryd Farm; Res, TR & J. Harris, Redland Farm.

PET LAMB

CLASS 68 Pet Lamb Class - Handler 16 years old or under on or before day of show: 1st, HARRIET EDWARDS C/O R. D. EDWARDS & SON, PWLLYWRACH FARM, COLWINSTON; 2nd, MRS. ELIZABETH MATTHEWS, TY HEN, TREOES, BRIDGEND; 3rd, FAITH BISSETT C/O JANE BISSETT, WOODLANDS ROAD; 4th, NICOLA LEWIS, NEUADD WEN, LLANHARAN, PONTYCLUN; 5th, MORGAN EDWARDS C/O R. D. EDWARDS & SON, PWLLYWRACH FARM; 6th, ELISE BENNETT C/O JANE BISSETT, WOODLANDS ROAD; 7th, KATE NAYLOR, TY MAWR FARM, LLANGAN.

THE MRS MARY WILLIAMS CUP FOR THE WINNER OF THE PET LAMB CLASS

Winner, HARRIET EDWARDS C/O R. D. EDWARDS & SON, PWLLYWRACH FARM.

THE PINKSTONE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN ANY OF THE SHEEP CLASSES

Winner/ Supreme Champion, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM; Res, DIANE EVANS, DERIMOELION FARM, DRYSLWYN, CARMARTHEN.

FLEECE COMPETITION

CLASS 69 Fine & Medium, including Merinos, Suffolk, Ryeland, Charollais Downs, Halfbred, Texel and Lleyn: 1ST, MARY HUME, TY CRIBWR FARM; 2ND, MARY HUME, TY CRIBWR FARM.

CLASS 70 Cross & Lustre, including Mule, Greyface, Wensleydale, Lincoln and Devon: 1st FLEECE, MARY HUME, TY CRIBWR FARM; 2nd, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM.

CLASS 71 Hill & Mountain including Radnor, Beulah, Cheviot, Blackface and Welsh: 1st, MARY HUME, TY CRIBWR FARM.

CLASS 72 Natural Coloured including Jacob, Black Welsh Mountain, Herdwick, Shetland or any other pure bred or cross fleece: 1st FLEECE, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM;
2nd FLEECE, JANE BISSETT, WOODLANDS ROAD.

CATTLE CLASSES 14 – 29

CLASS 14

Maiden heifer over 12 and under 18 months on day of show: 1st, CLIVE THOMAS, DROS Y MORFARM, LLANTWIT MAJOR; 2nd, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM, LLANCARFAN; 3rd, CLIVE THOMAS, DROS Y MOR FARM, LLANTWIT MAJOR.

MERVYN THOMAS DROS Y MOR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winner, CLIVE THOMAS, DROS Y MOR FARM, LLANTWIT MAJOR.

CLASS 15

Heifer in calf, to calve, no older than 36 months:1st, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER
CASTLE FARM, BISHTON, NEWPORT; 2nd, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER
CASTLE FARM, BISHTON, NEWPORT; 3rd, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM, LLANCARFAN.

CLASS 16

Cow in calf but not in milk – any age:1st, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM; 2nd, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM; 3rd, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM (two).

CLASS 17

Heifer in milk: 1st, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM; 2nd, V. J. THOMAS & SON
PANCROSS FARM; 3rd, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM, BISHTON, NEWPORT; V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM (two).

THE LADBROOKE (BRIDGEND CREAMERY) CHALLENGE SHIELD

Winner: V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM, LLANCARFAN.

CLASS 18

Junior cow in milk (2nd/3rd lactation only): 1st, V. J. THOMAS & SON
PANCROSS FARM; 2nd, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM, BISHTON, NEWPORT; 3rd, V. J. THOMAS & SON
PANCROSS FARM.

CLASS 19

Senior cow in milk (4th lacation and above): 1st, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM;

GOLDEN VALE DAIRIES CUP

Winner: V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM, LLANCARFAN.

In milk champion (eligible from classes 17, 18 and 19) Winners to receive Champion and Reserve Champion Rosettes: Champ, Sian Webber;
Res, VJ Thomas & Son.

THE GLYNNE CLAY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE HOLSTEIN CLASSES.

Winner: VJ. Thomas & Son, PANCROSS FARM, LLANCARFAN.

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CLASS 20 Group of 8 in calf Holstein heifers to be judged on the farm, at least three weeks prior to the Show: 1st, CLIVE THOMAS DROS Y MOR FARM, LLANTWIT MAJOR; 2nd, JACK EVANS & SON, MARCROSS FARM, LLANTWIT MAJOR; 3rd, V. J. THOMAS & SON
PANCROSS FARM; 4th, R. J. LOUGHER & SON,
TYTANGLWST FARM, PYLE.

WILLIAMS & GLYNNE CUP
Winner, CLIVE THOMAS, DROS Y MOR FARM, LLANTWIT MAJOR.

ANY OTHER PURE DAIRY BREED
CLASS 21, Maiden heifer any breed other than Holstein: 1st, RP & KJ GRANVILLE, GELLI FARM, CEFN CRIBBWR, BRIDGEND; 2nd, E. READER & SON, GOLDSLAND FARM, WENVOE; 3rd, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER,
CASTLE FARM.

CLASS 21a
In calf heifer any breed other than Holstein: 1st, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM; 2nd, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM; 3rd, RP & KJ GRANVILLE, GELLI FARM.

CLASS 22
Dairy Cow. Any breed other than Holstein: 1st, E. READER & SON, GOLDSLAND FARM, WENVOE. 2nd, RP & KJ GRANVILLE GELLI FARM; 3rd, E. READER & SON GOLDSLAND FARM (three); RP & KJ GRANVILLE, GELLI FARM.

RICHARD TAYLOE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP
Winner: E. READER & SON, GOLDSLAND FARM.

CLASS 23
Heifer in milk. Any breed other than Holstein: 1st, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER CASTLE FARM; 2nd, RP & KJ GRANVILLE GELLI FARM; 3rd, RP & KJ GRANVILLE GELLI FARM.

Any other pure dairy Breed Championship
Champ: KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER CASTLE FARM.

THE G.A.H SAMUEL MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL FOR THE WINNER OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP
Winner, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER CASTLE FARM.

CLASS 24 Interbreed production and inspection class (NMR & CIS)
1st, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM; 2nd, V. J. THOMAS & SON
PANCROSS FARM.

THE SPILLERS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP
Winner, V. J. THOMAS & SON
PANCROSS FARM.

CLASS 25 Best Pair of Dairy Females, owned and shown by the same Exhibitor: 3rd, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER,
CASTLE FARM; RP & KJ GRANVILLE GELLI FARM; CLIVE THOMAS, DROS Y MOR FARM, LLANTWIT MAJOR (two); E. READER & SON, GOLDSLAND FARM;
V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM (two).

BILL FRANCIS MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE BEST PAIR OF DAIRY FEMALES
Winner, VJ Thomas & Son (two).

CLASS 26 Group of Three Dairy Cattle, owned and shown by the same Exhibitor
1st, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM; CLIVE THOMAS, DROS Y MOR FARM; 3rd, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER
CASTLE FARM.

THE CORPORATION OF COWBRIDGE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL FOR THE BEST GROUP OF DAIRY CATTLE
Winner, V. J. THOMAS & SON
PANCROSS FARM.

Overall Dairy Championships
Calf Champion
Champion: Kevin Rickard and Sian Webber, 3 pts.
Reserve: Kevin Rickard and Sian Webber, 1 pt.
Champion Heifer in milk:
Champion: VJ Thomas & Son, 3 pts; Reserve, Sian Webber and Kevin Rickard, 1 pt.
Champion Cow in milk:
Champion, Sian Webber and Kevin Rickard, 3 pts.
Best pair Dairy females - Class 25:
Champion, VJ Thomas & Son, 3 pts; Reserve, VJ Thomas & Son, 1 pt.

THE T.J YORWERTH MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST DAIRY COW OR HEIFER IN THE SHOW
Winner, Kevin Rickard; VJ Thomas and Son (two).

THE WYNDHAM IVOR RADCLIFFE MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST EXHIBITOR IN THE CATTLE CLASSES
Winner, Gareth Jenkins; Reserve, Kevin Rickard.

CALF HANDLING
CLASS 27 12 and under on the day of the show calf 12 months and under – any breed:
1st, V. J. THOMAS & SON
PANCROSS FARM; 2nd, E. READER & SON GOLDSLAND FARM – MEGAN POWELL; 3rd, V. J. THOMAS & SON
PANCROSS FARM – GRACE THOMAS; 4th, ALANNAH THOMAS, C/0 DROS Y MOR FARM, LLANTWIT MAJOR.

THE GLAMORGAN FARM SUPPLIES TROPHY
Winner, V. J. THOMAS & SON
PANCROSS FARM.

CLASS 28 13 - 18 on the day of the Show. Calf 12 months and under – any breed:
1st, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER CASTLE FARM – BETH GRANVILLE; 2nd, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER CASTLE FARM – CHRISTIE BAKER; 3rd, RP & KJ GRANVILLE, GELLI FARM – BEN BAKER.

THE P.J LLEWELLYN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP
Winner, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER CASTLE FARM – BETH GRANVILLE.

CLASS 29 19 - 26 on the day of the Show. Calf 18 months and under – any breed:
1st, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER CASTLE FARM – KATE GRANVILLE; 2nd, RP & KJ GRANVILLE, GELLI FARM; 3rd, E. READER & SON, GOLDSLAND FARM; 4th, E. READER & SON,GOLDSLAND FARM.

THE W.J BASSETT PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY
Winner, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER CASTLE FARM – KATE GRANVILLE.

SHOW JUMPING RESULTS

Class1: KBIS Insurance Senior British Novice: 1st *Radioaktiv* – Nancie Edwards; 2nd *Bobin Robin* – Mark Edwards; 3rd *Touchwood Antares* – Mark Edwards.

Class 2: 1.05m/1.10m Restricted Handicap: 1st *Tarquin M* – Ian Johnson; 2nd *Munig* – Jake Harris; 3rd *Zarina ii* – Julie Whibley.

Class 3: Equestrianclearance.com Senior Newcomers First Round: 1st *Contendros Quest* – Andrew Davies; 2nd *Affa J* – Ella Jones; 3rd *Wakubu Du Sau Saut* – Joanne Bailey;

Class 4: Senior Foxhunter/ 1.20m Open: 1st *Sunshine V* – Amy Thomson; 2nd *Emotion* – Stevie Jenkins; 3rd *Battina* – Joanne Bailey.

Class 5: National 1.40m Open: 1st *Vijlada MW* – Andrew Davies; 2nd *Lucy Loo iv* – Sian Edwards; 3rd *Nina Des Ulis* – Sara Arkell.

Class 6: Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show, Speed Championships: 1st *Mammas Tinker* – Mark Edwards; 2nd *S Zermi 3* – Andrew Davies; 3rd *Unbelievable Eddie* – Mark Edwards.

Class 7 – Two Fence Challenge:
Equal 1st, *Tinker's Tale* – Mark Edwards; *Abraham USA* – Andrew Davies; *Just Jasper* – Eurig Eynon; *Fadeisha* – Sara Arkell.

Cabinet meets at Vale Show

Steve Webb with Coun Lis Burnet and Leader Coun Neil Moore.

THE Vale Council cabinet held a business breakfast meeting at the Vale Show last week to discuss ways to improve the area as a tourist destination.

"As part of the council's commitment to help local businesses, a Destination Action Plan was drafted after a range of different ideas were discussed and put forward by residents and local businesses at the Vale Show in 2012," a spokesman explained.

Local businesses and organisations attended the breakfast to discuss the plan, which aims to "build the reputation of the Vale with tourists".

"Guests were encouraged to have their say and a number of innovative suggestions were made on how the Council could continue to move forward in transforming the Vale into an even more popular tourist destination. All of the comments made at the breakfast will now be considered and any necessary amendments made to the draft plan ahead of its formal adoption."

There was also a short presentation at the event by Steve Webb, a specialist in destination and tourism management.

Coun Neil Moore, Leader of the Council, said: "The Destination Action Plan, once formally adopted, will set out a vision, priorities and actions needed to improve all activities and schemes that impact on visitors and their enjoyment of the Vale.

"The plan will represent another major step towards the Vale of Glamorgan fulfilling its potential as a first class tourism destination."

Western Front Association has great day at Vale Show

Alun Cairns MP with WFA members, left to right: Phil Davies, Alun Cairns, David Hughes (chairman), Paul Kemp and Terry Powell.

THERE was a steady stream of visitors at the display which the South Wales Branch of the WFA had organised to mark the centenary of the start of the First World War at the Vale Show.

The centrepiece, organised by Phil Davies and others, was about the Glamorgan Yeomanry in which ancestors of many of today's farming families in the Vale served.

Many of our visitors showed great interest in it which created an interesting two-way process where some people learned of their relatives' activities and others told our members of their ancestors who had not been previously identified.

Supporting this main display were others of medals, Great War artefacts including a rifle, helmets, shells and a clock mounted in the propeller hub of an FE2b aircraft. Other displays covered the Battle of Mametz Wood where the 38th (Welsh) Division fought its first major action in July 1916 as part of the Battle of the Somme suffering 4,000 casualties, including 600 dead, during the capture of the wood.

The branch have arranged a major refurbishment for the Dragon Memorial, which commemorates the Battle partly funded by the WAG and are planning a major ceremony for the centenary in 2016.

Our visitors included Vale of Glamorgan MP Alun Cairns and Coun Jeff James of the Vale Council who, like all like everyone else, took a keen interest in the exhibits. We will be arranging similar displays at other events over the next few months including one in Cowbridge on September 6.

The branch meets on the first Friday of the month at 7.30pm in the Fairwater Conservative Club, Ely Road, Cardiff and new members who want to learn more about the Great War are very welcome.

You can get more information or contact us on our website www.powell76.talktalk.net or email mutiny1917@hotmail.com.

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Mike Davies (left) talks about the Glamorgan Yeomanry to Julian Radcliffe of Penmark.

First World War items on display.

THE WONDERFUL VARIETY IS WHAT MAKES THE VALE SHOW SO SPECIAL

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THE Vale of Glamorgan Show is one of the great days in the south Wales rural calendar.

It is different things to different people – a day of interest and entertainment, a chance to bump into old friends, an opportunity to view classes, exhibits and stalls, but for many people, and particularly the children, the wonderful animals are what makes it so special.

Spectacular Vale Show lives up to its billing as one of Wales' great days out

The pictures on this page were taken by MIKE WILCOCK.
They are available to order from wilcock60@aol.com or telephone 01446 774502.

Friends reunited is a great theme of the Vale of Glamorgan Show at Fonmon.

The show is a wonder to behold with attractions and spectacle in equal measure, but more than that it is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new people.

As you can see from Mike Wilcock's photographs, everyone, young and old, had a great day out. No wonder people travel to it from all over Wales and from parts of England too.

CYCLISTS' EPIC JOURNEY STARTED AT LANDS END

The cyclists are pictured at Lands End.

ON August 15, 10 novice cyclists from Bridgend and the Vale, accompanied by their support vehicle, set off from Lands End on a journey of over 1,000 miles, hoping to arrive in John O'Groats 14 days later on August 28.

The cyclists have already received a huge amount of support from family, friends and local businesses and have already raised over £5,400 in the build up to the event.

The team comprises Justin Hostettler-Davies, David Lloyd, Jayne Dingle, Mark Floyd, Gary Cox, Adrian Hooper, Jon Price, Lance Thomas, Kevin Ridge, Ian Henry and two volunteering support vehicle drivers (Lynda Mitchell and Steve Dingle).

They have chosen to carry out this challenge in the hope that it can raise awareness of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) and the devastating impact it has on people and their families.

The MND Association is the only national charity in England, Wales and Northern Ireland dedicated to improving care and support for people affected by MND. It also funds and promotes research, and campaigns to raise awareness, so the needs of people with MND are addressed by society

All funds raised from this challenge will be going towards the new South Wales Care Network for Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

The MNDA is committed to funding £340,000 for the network over the next four years.

A number of multi-disciplinary MND clinics have been set up. In the south-east, clinics have been set up in Merthyr and Pontypool – with the aim of having a further one in the Gwent area. Cardiff also has a clinic up and running.

One of the main aims for the network is to make services and support more accessible and equitable across south Wales, and these clinics are a vital part of that.

The group would welcome any support. Donations can be madeon the website www.justgiving.com/cycle4mnd. Updates and progress on the challenge can be found at cycle4mnd.com.

ABOVE: John Huish and Clive Carryett.

Can you follow John and Clive and help to save a vital service?

FOR 12 years, John Huish and Clive Carryett have ensured that a group of Llandough residents can go shopping every week.

They have provided a door-to-door service with an East Vale Community Transport minibus, allowing people with restricted mobility to get out of the house and do a weekly shop for themselves.

Sadly, they are obliged to retire and both Llandough Community Council and EVCT are trying hard to find replacement drivers.

"We are immensely grateful to Clive and John," said EVCT president Jean Roberts, "and we hope that volunteers will come forward to continue the service in Llandough. It's a great way for newly-retired people, for example, to make new friends."

Clive and John have found sharing the work very rewarding and recommend the volunteering opportunity.

Could you take their place? You need to be between 25 and 70 (or older if you pass a simple medical check), with a clean driving licence and at least two years' driving experience.

If you cannot commit to a regular session, you could still become an occasional driver to be called on in case of need.

Contact Alun Harper, office co-ordinator based at West House, Penarth by telephoning 029 20705138 or email eastvale.ct06@virgin.net

Alternatively, contact Paul Egan, clerk to Llandough Community Council, on 01446 409294 or email p.egan67@ntlworld.com

Since 1986, volunteer drivers with East Vale Community Transport have ensured that everyone in the community can maintain outside interests.

At minimal cost and with a volunteer driver, clubs, schools, sports or any community groups can become members of EVCT and have use of the two minibuses, equipped with lifts to give wheelchair-users easy access.

Why just a one day show in Vale?

I FELT I must write to you to let people know how wonderful the Vale Show was last Wednesday.

We had arrived with my granddaughter Chloe (9) at 10.30am and left at 6.50pm, but even then, failed to get around all the stands on offer.

Chloe had so much fun, taking part in quizzes and face painting, being given goody bags, sweets and chocolates, etc. She tried various arts and crafts, milked a model cow, and thoroughly enjoyed herself.

The livestock display was first class and all the animals seemed happy and well cared for – and there was so much for the adults in the same vein, in terms of samples.

The weather was fine most of the time, with just the odd shower and there were plenty of places to shelter and stay under cover.

I look forward to going next year.

Many congratulations to the organisers and participants for such a great day – one question with all that effort, why is it just one day?

Mrs Sian C Jones, Wenvoe.

IN BRIEF

BARRY ISLAND Historical Group present a free photographic exhibition, 'Then and Now', a trip down memory lane on August 23 (10am to 4pm) and August 24 (2pm to 6pm) at the Barry Island Community Centre.

Valeways guided walks

COFFEE Shop Strollers meet at 10.30am on Wednesday, August 27, at Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry, CF62 6SW.

Local mums support LATCH

TWO local mums will launch LATCH 2014 – Wales' first breastfeeding conference on Monday, September 22 (10am – 2.30pm).

It will be hosted by Llantrisant Breastfeeding Support Group at Bethel Baptist Church, Pontyclun, Rhondda Cynon Taf.

LATCH 2014 is the brainchild of Claire Terry and Suki Wescott, two mothers and breastfeeding peer supporters from Llantrisant Breastfeeding Support Group, which is supporting local mums around Llantrisant and Pontyclun in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

There are three keynote speakers: Gill Rapley on 'baby-led weaning'; Dr Amy Brown on 'breastfeeding and obesity'; and Tatiana Mela Pshchulkovska on 'Tongue Tie'.

In addition, there will be numerous stalls.

Contact Llantrisant Breastfeeding Support Group via llantrisantbsg.wordpress.com.

Exciting times for pensioners!

LLANTWIT MAJOR Pensioners Club has had an exciting programme over the last few weeks.

Alun Cairns MP poke on life in the Commons and Susan Lloyd Selby gave a very informative talk on Foodbanks, and explained the criteria that people have to abide by in order to obtain vouchers.

We have had a summer party with a buffet provided by the Coast Cafe and we were entertained by members of the live music organisation.

Mr Mortimer gave the history of Paul Robeson and his connections with Wales.

Our summer term ended with Penny Weedon and her friend the squeeze box.

We are looking forward to our last trip of the year to Burford Wildlife Park on September 23.

There are a few seats available and the cost of the trip is £24.

For more information, contact Primrose Goldsworthy on 01446 794257, or Wilf Cole on 01656 890680.

Alternatively, visit us at our meetings on Tuesdays at 6.30pm, where you will be made welcome.

We meet at Llantonian Hall, Boverton Road, Llantwit Major. **PG**

Multi-cultural event success

MORE than 600 people attended a Rising Star Orphans multi-cultural community event in Cadoxton Royal Gardens, in collaboration with Cadoxton Youth Project.

"We successfully engaged with the community and made new friendly relationships. Our organisations look to engage the community in similar events in the future," said Stonehouse Mugalavai, chairman of Rising Star Orphans.

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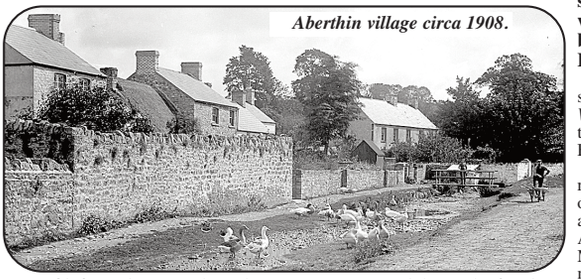
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Exhibition reveals the impact of World War 1 on rural life

HOW the Great War changed rural life in Wales forever is described in a fascinating exhibition to be held at Aberthin Village Hall on August 29-30 (from 11am to 5pm) and on Monday, September 1 (from 11am to 1pm) to commemorate the start of the First World War.



Aberthin village circa 1908.

The event brings together photographs, medals, posters and an array of information, covering the hamlet of Aberthin, as well as agricultural life in the country as a whole.

Visitors to the exhibition can find out about the two young men from Aberthin who died in the war and are named on local war memorials.

They will see how different the village looked in the 1900s.

They will discover how a large proportion of the land in and around the village and a number of village cottages were sold in the ten years after the war; and how parts of the land purchased by the county council, and divided into smallholdings for returning soldiers, were like some of the cottages acquired by ancestors of today's villagers.

They will also gain a greater understanding of the challenges facing local farmers and the agricultural industry in general during the war.

The rousing calls from Lord Kitchener and Lloyd George are graphically illustrated, as is information on the role of women, the Ploughing Up campaign, shortages of labour and horses as they head to the Front and the work of various boards and committees to keep the country producing food.

The exhibition has been put together by Frank Hartles and local historian Keith Edwards both long-term residents of Aberthin.

They have sourced information and images from both local people, the National Library of Wales, the Museum of Welsh Life at St Fagans and the Glamorgan Archives, much of which has not been seen before.

To find out more, contact k.h.edwards@btinternet.com or telephone 01446 772788.

Aberthin Village Hall (the old Calvinistic Methodist Chapel) can be found on Aberthin Lane off Penylan Road in the centre of the village.

The exhibition coincides with a Memorial Tea to be held in the Village Hall on Sunday, August 31 from 3pm with a reduced exhibition.

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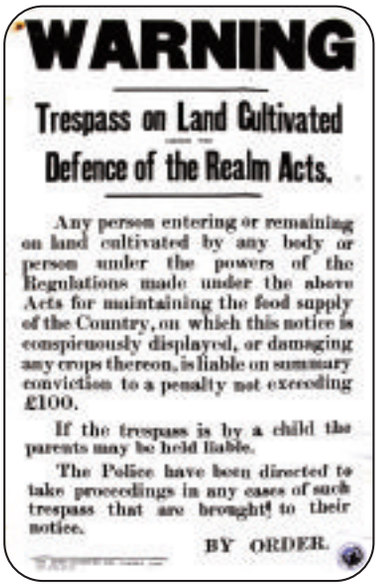

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The Police have been directed to take proceedings in any cases of such trespass that are brought to their notice.

BY ORDER.

ARCHBISHOP EXPLORES CHURCH'S ROLE IN WAR

A RADIO programme presented by the Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan, examines the church's part in supporting and opposing war, and finds out about battlefield chaplains on BBC Radio Wales.

God in War is one of a six-part series called *Wales And The Great War*, broadcast to commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War.

The Archbishop considers the role of military chapels, services of remembrance and Christian attitudes to war. He interviews Army chaplain Rev Deiniol Morgan, about his experience ministering to soldiers fighting in Afghanistan and talks to historian Patricia Evans, who has researched the story of a remarkable Western Front padre from Wales, Rev Peter Jones Roberts.

The Archbishop at the Llandaff war memorial.

"The First World War came about because it was felt international rivalry could not be resolved except by war and this clash of national ambitions caused millions to die because we had not yet discovered other ways of resolving them except through armed conflict," said Dr Morgan.

"The Christian faith reminds us of our weakness and fallibility as human beings and of the values of things such as liberty, respect for weaker people and that no nation is exempt from the laws of morality and the need for peaceful co-existence."

God in War will be broadcast on Radio Wales on Sunday, August 31 at 1.30pm. It will be repeated on Monday, September 1 at 6.30pm and Tuesday, September 2 at 5.30am.

£46,470,000 'cheque' shows the true value of volunteers in the Vale!

ON August 12, Vale Volunteer Bureau held its 10th annual awards event, hosted by the Vale Mayor, Howard Hamilton, at Cardiff and Vale College.

Pictured above with the mayor, are nominees for the WCVA Year of the Volunteer award and Millennium Volunteers.

The volunteers were nominated for initiative, dedication or personal qualities.

Max Williams, from Penarth Youth Project was the overall winner in the young person's category. The event also celebrated young people aged 14 – 25 years who were awarded their Millennium Volunteer certificates for the hours contributed to volunteering.

A spokeswoman explained: "Included in the event,was a presentation to the Mayor of a 'cheque' for £46,470,000. This is an increase of just over 11½ million on the previous year. This cheque represents the value of volunteering shown in monetary terms and shows just how much volunteering is worth to the Vale."

The event saw the Launch of 'Dish Out Dosh', a youth-led grant which is available for youth projects across the Vale. Application packs are available from Vale Volunteer Bureau until the closing date, September 22, 2014.

It also saw the release of Morgan Rogers' digital story on how his volunteering changed his life.

Clare Humphreys, the youth volunteering advisor, said: "It's been brilliant getting to make a series of films for young people. Morgan's story is inspiring and will definitely challenge the stereotype of young people and volunteering."

The director of the Vale Volunteer Bureau Alison Steere said: "Today's event recognised volunteers' achievements. Volunteers from all over the Vale were involved in everything, from encouraging children to save money to volunteering on a *'write with us'* programme for cancer patients and survivors. As director of the Vale Volunteer Bureau I feel extremely privileged to have met these volunteers and to hear some of their fascinating stories of their achievements and how they have benefited their local communities."

'Holy Trinity church remembers them'

AS minister of Holy Trinity Church in Barry, I was extremely distressed with the implication that my congregation had forgotten those who served during the Great War.

I refer to the heading in The GEM dated August 14 '*First World War memorial is rescued*'.

Had Dr Jonathan Hicks consulted me first, I would be able to take him into our new premises and show him the Upper Gallery, which is set aside in memory of those who served in both wars.

A new plaque, which is much lighter for modern walls, was donated at some cost, in memory of the gentlemen mentioned in the article.

Further to this, Holy Trinity held a memorial weekend attended by invited guests from the Royal British Legion, with whom we have good contact.

At both occasions, we remembered all Service men and women, past and present.

I therefore invite Dr Jonathan Hicks and those who thought they had found a 'lost' memorial, to meet with me so that we can put this rumour to rest once and for all.

Rev Duncan Ballantyne, Barry.

Balcony Plaque contains names of fallen heroes

I WAS interested to read the article 'First World War Memorial is Rescued' and the details of the men mentioned on the memorial.

A brass plaque with the exact wording from this marble memorial has been erected on the balcony in Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church/Community Hall, Aberystwyth Crescent, Barry.

Every year on Remembrance Sunday, we lay a wreath and the names of the 13 men from our fellowship who gave their lives in World War One are read and remembered.

I am listing all 13 as I would be very interested to know more about the other eight men whose names are recorded on a brass plaque also erected on the Church Hall balcony.

They are:

William Norman Hale, Thomas William Healey, Benjamin Jeremiah, Idris Roberts, Thomas Charles Cooling, Normal Daniel, Henry John Edmunds, Raymond Evans, Archie Jenkins, Sidney Jenkins, Hervey Jones, George More, and Leonard Webber.

We honour the memory of all those who have given their lives in defence of freedom.

Margaret F White, Llandough (church member).

Stagecoach Bridgend stars sizzle on stage

TWO young performers from Stagecoach Bridgend landed coveted roles in Seussical The Musical. Oliver Bartlett (14) and Elinor Williams (13) beat hundreds of hopefuls to take the roles in the Dr Seuss-based musical.

They found a cast of 76 Stagecoach students from the UK, Malta, USA, South Africa and Spain at the Leatherhead Theatre.

Elinor of Stagecoach Bridgend says: "I was over the moon to win a role in Seussical. Everyone at Stagecoach is really talented so it was a real honour to be picked. It's a fantastic show to watch and even better to be part of."

Oliver has performed at the Leatherhead theatre previously, including last summer in the sell-out production of West Side Story.

He said: "The rehearsals went really well, it's a great fun show."

Rhoose Nippers shine at tournament

WE reported recently on the successes of the Junior, Senior and Masters teams at the Welsh Surf Life Saving Championships and on August 9-10, the Rhoose Nipper team travelled to Aberavon for their two days of competition.

The team who recently won the Whitmore Bay Carnival were all keen to be taking part in a major competition although the weather and sea conditions at Barry were calmer than Aberavon it's fair to say. With storm conditions looming for the weekend with the Sunday being forecast as being particularly bad some last minute changes were made to the program to ensure the competition went ahead safely.

On arrival, early Saturday morning the sea conditions were already very challenging and with the swim and board events first on the list of events the Rhoose Nippers showed great bravery and determination when racing.

The children took part in sea swims, wades, board races and relays in each of the events. A special mention must go to the members from the youngest age group in the team, many of whom have never competed in such conditions and all performed excellently.

The Sunday at first seemed like a better day with a light breeze and some sunshine for the start of the beach events.

The events got under way with beach flags and long runs with Rhoose again showing some very impressive performances and medals won. Around mid-morning a huge storm came over and for an hour or so the competition was put on hold with Nippers and parents taking cover in their beach tents!

The competition continued after a short delay with the beach sprint events and finished with the team sprint relay – Rhoose put in a great display through to the end with the girls' team winning silver and the boys getting gold in the last event of the day.

A huge 'well done' goes to all of the competitors but special congratulations go to our gold medal winning Welsh Champions Gwenno Goode, Brooke Peterson and especially Evie Wong, who achieved first place in all of her individual events. Well done all!

Liz and the Rhoose coaches had the following words of praise for the Nippers' achievements over the weekend: "We are all very, very proud of your efforts at the Welsh Championships, particularly those competing for the first time at a major championship competition.

"Not only were the performances on the beach and in the sea excellent but your behaviour throughout the competition was first class with all Nippers showing great 'team spirit' and a willingness to race despite some tough conditions. As coaches and parents we are again very proud of you all and thank you for making these events so enjoyable and rewarding."

Of course lifeguards training, competitions and other events only run smoothly with the help of the coaches and parents.

And so a big thank you to all of those who helped over the weekend with beach events and sea safety cover.

The Rhoose Nippers team finished overall in third place out of the 13 clubs competing.

A list of the individual medals winners in their age categories are: *Olivia Banks – Bronze beach flags, Scarlett Davies - Silver beach run, Leila Bonner – Bronze beach run, Gwenno Goode – Gold beach sprint, Gold beach run, Silver board race, Bronze surf wade, Xantia Hobrough – Bronze beach sprint, Evie Wong – Gold beach flags, Gold surf wade, Gold board race, Gold super nipper, Gold beach sprint, Gold beach run, Moli Lyons – Bronze beach run, Emily Parker – Silver surf swim, Bronze super nipper, Brooke Peterson – Gold beach flags, Gold beach sprint, Bronze super nipper, Cian Davies – Silver beach flags, Bronze beach run, Oliver Wong – Silver board race, Silver beach flags, Silver super nipper, Bronze surf swim,*

The girls relay team.

Evie Wong in action.

Many more medals were also won in the beach and sea relays:

Nipper team: Scarlett Davies, Ellie Bryan, Leila Bonner, Sophia Riley, Talia Downton, Olivia Banks, Lena Davies, Xantia Hobrough, Gwenno Goode, Elena Gibson, Moli Lyons, Evie Wong, Ella Bulmer, Eloise Strange, Isabella David, Yasmin Davies, Lisa Grice, Kiera Harris, Emily Parker, Brooke Peterson, Liberty Brooks, Tesni Gardner, Helen Jenkins, Robert Grice, Cai Beasley, Oliver Bonner, Joel Williams, Jamie Jenkins, Ben Ewington, Sam Jenkins, Jai Gerrish, Cian Davies, Ethan Wall, Morgan Jenkins, Taran Downton, Oliver Wong, Declan Ewington. **JF**

Open day celebration for Barry Athletic

ON Saturday Barry Athletic First XI entertained Criegau in a league game on what was also an open day as well as a day to say thank you to some former players and captains.

Barry captain John Gee won the toss and asked Criegau to bat first and Criegau got off to a solid start and put 50 on for the first wicket before they lost the wicket of Nicholls caught by Brock off Hellyar for 16.

They then lost Taylor for 55 off the bowling off Gee LBW, Innes was next to go for 53 caught by Hellyar off the bowling of Uswalld, Nathan Baker then picked up two wickets both caught by Lee Morgan and Peter Hellyar; Criegau ended up on 228 for 5 off their 50 overs.

Barry's innings didn't get off to a great start when they lost the wicket of Morgan for 0 with the score on 4.

There was then a 59 run partnership between Nathan Baker and David Goodway before Goodway was out for 25, A stand of 44 between Baker and Brock was broken up when Brock was out for 19, and Baker soon followed for a fine 52 his third 50 in four innings.

Murphy went for 4, followed by Jones for 13, Usswald for 9, S. Jones for 15, Gee for 1 and Frost for 5 as Barry were bowled out for 160.

The Second XI had a fine win away to Criegua with Andrew Buckland getting a Century and Scott Malpas 98.

This weekend Barry first XI travel to Newport Fugitives, with the 2nd XI at home to the same opponents; on bank holiday Monday the 1st XI travel to Brecon with the 2nd XI home to Dinas Powys.

The club would like to thank Alun Cairns MP and Jane Hutt AM for their attendance at the club open day Saturday, former players/captains John Murphy, Hugh Davies, Owain Clements, Billy Davies, Keith Selway and Phil John, who enjoyed their time at the game on Saturday; they would also like to thank Vicky Barrie of Waitrose Barry for her kind help on Friday

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Free barbecue for volunteers!

RANGERS at Porthkerry Country Park are calling for volunteers to help clear the streams of rubbish and fallen branches.

On Saturday, August 30 park rangers, along with the Vale council's environmental health team, Welsh Water and NRW, will be clearing the streams, and are offering a free barbecue for anyone willing to lend a hand.

A council spokesman said: "Volunteers can meet at the gazebo on the main meadow from 10am on the day, and are advised to wear wellies, gloves and old clothes. Children are welcome to come along and help, but must be accompanied by an adult."

Contact the park rangers on 01446 733589 or email porthkerry@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Rollerskaters shine at the Summer Dance Festival

GLAMORGAN Artistic Roller Skating Club sent its competition team consisting of Lara Goodwin, Kaitlin Daly, Katie Vaughan, Bethan Daly, Maya Archampoma, Charleigh Griffith, Medi Western, Michael Vaughan and Ewan Maxwell to compete at its biggest competition to date, The Summer Dance Festival, hosted by the Federation of Artistic Roller Skating, held in Crawley.

The skaters travelled 120 miles to compete at the three day event, which is attended by clubs from all over Great Britain with over 300 skaters of all ages competing.

The club had excellent results from all skaters, with a special mention to Bethan Daly and Michael Vaughan who skated together in the couples' event and came second!

Sheilah Davies, the club trainer, was extremely pleased with the results and is now training the skaters for the next competition in December.

The club meets at the Colcot Sports Centre on Tuesdays from 6 to 8pm and competitive training sessions take place at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre.

Anybody interested in joining the club please contact the club secretary Anne-Marie Escott on 07517854453 or vist our website glamorgan-artistic-rsc.webs.com.

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Weakened Sully teams are beaten

WITH several regulars unavailable an understrength, Sully Centurions' 1st XI were well and truly beaten by Miskin Manor at Sully.

With the visitors racking up 302 for 6 it was a daunting task for the Centurions, but a devastating collapse saw them all out for a paltry 54 in just 15 overs.

The undoubted highlight for Miskin was a century for Hay. For Centurions, only Shae Ellis, with 3 for 36 and Adam Sylvester (14 not out) could come away with any personal satisfaction from this match. However, this was definitely one the players will be keen to forget.

Sully Centurions 54 all out Miskin Manor 302 for 6.

UNDER-STRENGTH SECONDS WELL BEATEN

With plenty of players unavailable along with 1st XI call ups Centurions' 2nd XI travelled to Croesyceiliog and were on the receiving end of a hiding.

The hosts batted first and were soon well on top, with openers Lewis (41) and Evans (51) sharing century partnership.

Another stand of 84 between Webber (93 not out) and Scarborough (36) and 101 between Webber and Edwards (46 not out) saw Croesy to 296 for 3 at the end of the 45 overs.

One moment of concern was when Emma Davies was injured as she attempted to take a catch, with the ball hitting her in the sternum, but she bravely returned to the field of play for the latter stages of the Croesyceiliog innings.

When Centurions batted, opener Munim Khan just failed to reach his half century when he was caught on the boundary for 49. But a procession of wickets did not help the cause.

Only Steve Morse (11) and Paul Harrison (10) reached double figures and the innings closed on 98 all out in the 30th over.

Croesyceiliog II 296/3 Sully Centurions II 98 all out.

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Romilly beaten by the title challengers

BARRY Romilly entertained title challengers Troedyrhiw at Romilly Park on Saturday for their final league game, expecting a hard game which proved the case.

From the outset Romilly found the going tough but were only one down by the fifth end although this was mainly due to Brian Foscolo's rink who were in superb form and ahead 12 – 0 at this stage.

The Romilly rinks of Mike Doyle, Mel Newman and Jeff Wright were strugging against their opponents and by the 10th end Romilly were 13 behind even with Foscolo's rink still holding a 10 shot advantage.

The Troedyrhiw players were in tremendous form especially Welsh international Liam Stone, who was skipping the rink against Mel Newman and showed his class pulling off some incredible shots to lead by 17 shots by the 15th end.

Romilly skips Jeff Wright and Mike Doyle were also playing second fiddle to Troedyrhiw skips Lee Morgan and Richie Davies and were behind 11 and eight shots respectively; also at end 15, Foscolo's rink of Jeff Coles, Phil Herbert and Fred Phillips continued to play well and were still ahead by seven shots.

With the deficit of 31 shots overall Romilly appeared to lose heart as their opponents piled on the pressure – even Foscolo's rink started to succumb to some excellent bowls from their opponents with skip Dai Jones to the fore. Although two up going into the final end, it took Foscolo with his final bowl to draw second shot when four down to hold out for single shot victory.

The other Romilly rinks continued to leak shots and the final score was a resounding victory for the visitors by 47 – 103, with two points for Romilly and 12 to Troedyrhiw.

Special mention must go to Phil Herbert who was brought in at the last minute to play his first game for the Romilly club side having only played occasionally for the 'A' team and he acquitted himself very well, putting in some fine bowls while playing on the only winning rink.

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Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00776/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Replacement of windows to front elevation
Location:/Lleoliad: 83, Plymouth Road, Penarth
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00790/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Replacement of white upvc box sash sliding windows on front elevation
Location:/Lleoliad: 5, Hickman Road, Penarth
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

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Rhif y cais: 2014/00867/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Renewal of planning permission 2009/00414/FUL for the erection of a dwelling
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Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Cowbridge

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Proposal:/Cynnig: Two storey and single storey extension
Location:/Lleoliad: Aberthin Cottage, Llanquian Road, Aberthin
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Aberthin

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00880/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolish existing 3 bed semi-detached residential dwelling and construct 4 bed sustainable dwelling (semi-detached) - Amendment to application 2012/00910/FUL
Location:/Lleoliad: 99A, Plymouth Road, Penarth
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00913/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Conversion of bed and breakfast accommodation to two flats
Location:/Lleoliad: 1, Sheepcourt Cottages, Bonvilston
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Ardal Gadwraeth Affecting the Bonvilston

Conservation Area Consent / Caniatâd Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00886/CAC
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Listed Building Consent/Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

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Proposal:/Cynnig: Install a log burning stove and flue chimney
Location:/Lleoliad: Castleton Court, Castleton Road, St. Athan
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Rhif y cais: 2014/00856/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Dismantling and rebuilding of rear annex as part of the redevelopment of the site into flats.
Location:/Lleoliad: Rear Annex, Former Fire Station, Court Road, Barry
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00926/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Change of use and conversion of former pump house to create restaurant, cafe bar and bistro (A3), live / work units (C3), fitness club (D2)/ health salon (sui generis), car parking, access and servicing arrangements, public realm improvements and associated works.
Location:/Lleoliad: The Pumphouse, Hood Road, Barry
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

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Proposal:/Cynnig: Install shed to rear of building
Location:/Lleoliad: Cowbridge Community College, Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting Old Hall, Grade II and Town Walls, Grade II*

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00855/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Dismantling and rebuilding of rear annex as part of the redevelopment of the site into flats.
Location:/Lleoliad: Rear Annex, Former Fire Station, Court Road, Barry
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting Former Fire Station, Grade II

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00868/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Two storey and single storey extension
Location:/Lleoliad: Aberthin Cottage, Llanquian Road, Aberthin
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Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00863/OUT
Proposal:/Cynnig: Residential development of up to 200 No. dwellings and associated works
Location:/Lleoliad: Land south of Port Road West, Weycock Cross, Barry

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Location:/Lleoliad: Land adjacent to Great House Farm Bungalow, Penllyn

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00920/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Change of use and conversion of former pump house to create restaurant, cafe bar and bistro (A3), live / work units (C3), fitness club (D2)/ health salon (sui generis), car parking, access and servicing arrangements, public realm improvements and associated works.
Location:/Lleoliad: The Pumphouse, Hood Road, Barry

Departure from Development Plan/ Gwyro o'r Cynllun Datblygu

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00863/OUT
Proposal:/Cynnig: Residential development of up to 200 No. dwellings and associated works
Location:/Lleoliad: Land south of Port Road West, Weycock Cross, Barry

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Dyffryn farmer's daughter competes against Olympians

AMY Jane Thomson, a farmer's daughter from Duffryn in the Vale, together with her 15h pony, *Super Snoop*, competed against top Olympic eventers at her first BE CCI 1* event in Somerford Park over the weekend.

Having been successful with Snoopy in Novice sections over the season, Amy felt they were both ready to don the traditional top hot and tails for the dressage test and take on the challenge of a 1* cross country course.

With a dressage score of 56.9, Amy and Snoopy were lying in the middle of the 142-strong field of competitors after the first day. A lovely clear round over the show jumps on Sunday morning meant the pair were able to face the 22 cross country obstacles still on their dressage score.

"Because he is so small compared to the other horses going round the track, he just has to fly round as fast as he can," said Amy - and fly round he did!

Clear over every obstacle with just 1.2 time penalties (3 seconds over the optimum time) to add to the dressage score, gave them a total of 58.1 at the end of the weekend, finishing 21st out of the 142 competitors.

"It would have been nice to finish in the top 20 but to have a double clear and a decent dressage test on our first ever International 1* competition isn't that bad I suppose!

"He is a once in a lifetime horse" Amy added.

GT

BOWLERS ON FORM

THERE were four overwhelming successes in this ML4 match on the all-weather green at Rhoose between the home side and Cadoxton.

Two of the wins went in favour of both sides, with the aggregate going to the home side.

Howard Craven had the best result for Cadoxton with Howard Hellyar always giving them a good start from the lead position. The pressure was applied with constant back up from the other members of the four to restrict the opposition to just four winning ends.

Conversely, the rink skipped by Gordon Davies never came to terms with the green and managed just six successful ends, in their defeat.

Don Kuhnell skipped his rink to overthrow the home rink, with ample support from John Jones. There was also acceptable back up from Rob Byrnes, playing his first game on an all-weather surface, and not forgetting the performance of David Evans to restrict the opponents to just seven winning ends

The fourth rink was skipped by Kelvin Chedgzoy. This rink had more even play, except for a session early in the game when three threes and a two were conceded on consecutive ends, by the visitors, and were never recovered.

Scores: H Hellyar, S Clarke, D Brook, H Craven 26 - 8 E Morris R Evans, M White, R Ball; P Swannick, R Harding, P Ellis, K Chedgzoy 14 - 28 P Hoad, M Banks, H Jupp, P Williams; R Byrne, D Evans, J Jones, D Kuhnell 28 – 16 J Cureo, L Parsons, L Wilmott, L Parsons Jnr; G Solomon, D Tuck, D Jeffries, G Davies 10 – 36 C Ashdown, R Boardman, T Lages, G Lages. Final score: 78 – 88.

DK

SULLY BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

MONDAY, August 11, North/South:

1st Huw Thomas/Celia Thomas 62.50, 2nd Trish Tracy/Mike Hurst 61.90, 3rd Judy Collins/Beryl Marke 59.82.

East/West: 1st Bunty Wiseman/Jane Brook 66.67, 2nd Marion Avon/Dorothy Brooks 62.20, 3rd Alan Jones/Carolyn Matthews 56.25.

Wednesday, August 13: North/South: 1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 63.43, 2nd Joan Thomson/Sheila Kavanagh 56.71, 3rd Anne Johns/Bunty Wiseman 56.02.

East/West: 1st Jayne Greatrex/John Pikoulis 66.67, 2nd Richard Allely/Brenda Shepherd 59.95, 3rd Judith Owen/Helen Jordan 54.17.

Saturday, August 16: North/South: 1st Val Hetheridge/Hazel Hession 62.22, 2nd Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 59.44, 3rd Barbara Burde/Sue Attley 53.33.

East/West: 1st Bill Leyburne/Lynne Leyburne 58.10, 2nd Mary Blackwell/Peter Blackwell 54.29, 3rd Sam Fellows/Norman Ryley 53.81.

EK

Bridge results

VALE of Glamorgan Bridge club for August 18:

1st Mike Best & David Birt 70%, 2nd Steve Burgoyne & John Evans 68.31%, 3rd Liam Sheridan & John Beard 62.66%.

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Local Government Investigations (Functions of Monitoring Officers and Standards Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2001

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18th August, 2014

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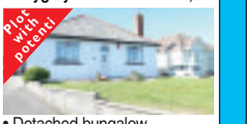
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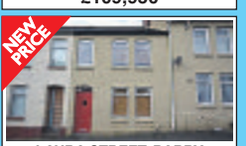
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Dyddiad: 21 Awst 2014

Water resources act 1991 (as amended by the Water Act 2003)

Notice of application for a transfer licence to abstract water and for a licence to obstruct or impede the flow of an inland water by means of impounding works

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Section 37 of the Water Resources Act 1991 and Regulation 6 of the Water Resources (Abstraction and Impounding) Regulations 2006 that an application has been made to Natural Resources Wales by The Vale of Glamorgan Council for a licence to abstract water from an un-named tributary of the Cold Brook stream, Gibbonsdown, Barry at National Grid Reference ST 11930 69270 for the purpose of transferring it without intervening use to an open space at National Grid Reference ST 11950 69223.

The water will be abstracted for the purpose of transferring it between the sources of supply referred to above without intervening use for flood risk management.

An application is also being made for a licence to obstruct or impede the flow of an un-named tributary of the Cold Brook stream at National Grid Reference ST 12110 69213 The object of impounding water by means of the works is flood risk management.

A copy of the applications, maps, plans and any other document submitted with it may be inspected free of charge at the address of Natural Resources Wales at Rivers House, St Mellons Business Park, Fortran Road, St Mellons, Cardiff, CF3 0EY during normal office hours (Monday-Friday, except bank holidays).

Summary details of the applications are also available from the Public Register held by Natural Resources Wales at the above address and may also be inspected free of charge during normal office hours.

Any person who wishes to make representations about the applications must do so in writing, quoting the name of the applicant and Reference Numbers WPCC2146 or WPCC2128 to Water Resources Permitting, Permitting Centre (Cardiff) at Natural Resources Wales, at Tŷ Cambria, 29 Newport Road, Cardiff, CF24 0TP or by email to permittingconsultations@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk by no later than 18 September 2014.

For further advice about making a representation, a leaflet - 'Making your views count' is available free of charge on request from local Natural Resources Wales offices. Any general enquiries about this notice can be made by telephoning 0300 065 3000.

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Family Notices

NEWMAN
Cal

Cal Newman, blues legend, passed away on August 12, after a short battle with cancer.

Best friend and sole partner of Ani, loving father of Dean, Glen and Lisa and much loved grampy.

Cal's funeral will be held at 1.30pm on August 28 at AG Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry CF62 8NA, followed by the wake at Barry Memorial Hall at 2.30pm.

A note to all musicians: In the immortal words of Cal: "I'm telling ya", feel free to bring your instruments to the wake for a celebration of Cal's life.

FRANCIS
Glyn Royston

Sadly passed away at Holme Tower, Penarth on August 14th. He will be sadly missed by all his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Resting at WA Brown & Son, College Street, Llantwit Major until the funeral Tuesday, 26 August 2014 in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major at 12.30pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.45pm.

Family flowers only, but donations may be made to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o the Funeral Director (cheques only please). All are welcome to join the family at West House Hotel after the service.

Joan Halliday

Died peacefully in Bristol, aged 93, on 12 August.

Joan will be greatly missed by her family and her many friends. There will be a cremation in Bristol attended by family only. A service to celebrate Joan's life will be held at 2pm on Friday, 29 August at All Saints Church, Park Road, Barry. Family flowers only. Donations may be made at the service to RNLI.

JOHN
James Llyn MBE

Llyn, of St Athan, died peacefully at Milsom House Nursing Home on August 12 after a short illness. Devoted husband to Elsie, loving father to Sue and the late Jayne, father-in-law to John and Jorgen, grandfather to Kristian, great-grandfather to Alex and big brother to David and Trecia.

You will be missed by so many now that you have gone to your final posting.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday August 22, service 1pm at St Athan Church followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.45pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to The Alzheimers Disease Society (an organisation very close to Llyn's heart) c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

STIMSON
Glenys Irene

Peacefully on 12 August at U.H.W. Cardiff after a long illness bravely fought, Glenys Irene, aged 82 years of Merthyr Street, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Lester John. A loved mother of Larry, Robert, Steve, Terry and James. Loving mother in law, cherished grandmother and great grandmother, Glenys will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at AG Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Tuesday, 26 August. Service in the chapel at 2.45pm, afterwards cremation at Barry Crematorium 3.45pm. Family flowers only. If desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for the British Red Cross.

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Roderick Michael
(Scottish Rod)

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Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on August 28 at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to Thomas Brothers, Greengate, Ewenny Road, St Brides Major, CF32 0SB.

DAVIES
Ronald Arthur
(Big Arthur from Wick)

Peacefully on Thursday, August 14 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, aged 67. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service on Wednesday, August 27 at 12 noon at St James Church, Wick, followed by private interment. Family flowers only, donations, if desired to Bethesda'r Fro Chapel, St Athan.

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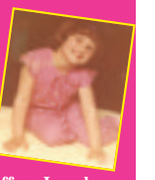
on 25th August



Lots of love, Mum & Dad, Chris, Curtis & Isabelle, Michelle & Chris, Hayley, Steffan, Joseph & Olivia, Ryan & Debbie & all the family xxx

Congratulations

SIMON TEW

Congratulations on receiving the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Cardiff University.

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Millwood bowls round-up

IN this friendly against Cardiff Masonic, Millwood were losers by a matter of only six shots.

The serious end of the season has come to its climax so now is the time to get some friendly games played.

Millwood were always playing catch up to Masonic after going behind 7-18 after the first four ends, and then finishing with a bit of a burst, going from 18 shots down on the 13th end at 36-54 to finish 59-65 down at the final end.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the game, there are still some other friendlies to play yet as well as our finals day on September 6.

Millwood 'A' could have done without a bad result at the end of the season, as their 27 shot defeat, and a 2-12 points loss, against Caerphilly Social dashes the chance that the 'A' side had of climbing toward the top places of the division.

At the fifth end the 'A' side were 15 shots adrift at 14-29, but rallied round to only trail by four shots at 41-45 on the 10th end.

After the 15th end Caerphilly had increased their lead to 52-78, and finished after the 21st end to win the game by 27 shots at 67-94.

It was hard luck for the 'A' side, but there is an unfinished game to be settled yet so there is still a chance to improve the league position.

This Saturday both Millwood sides are playing friendlies against Llantwit Major; the club side are away and the 'A' side are at home.

Thomas on the hunt for World Championship glory in Canada

WELSH Paralympian Stephen Thomas will be on the hunt for World Championship success when he lines up at the 2014 IFDS Disabled Sailing Combined World Championships in Halifax, Canada (August 15 – 24).

The London 2012 Paralympian competes in the three-person Sonar class with John Robertson and Hannah Stodel and lined up against the world's best sailors when racing got underway at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron on Tuesday.

"The IFDS Worlds are an important event for us. We have had a solid block of training down in Weymouth and Portland and we are really happy with the way things have been going," said the 37-year-old Thomas from Bridgend prior to leaving for the Championships.

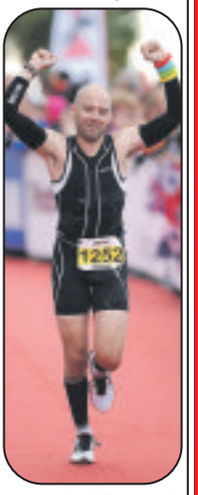
"A podium finish at this year's event for us is key of course, but it is also pretty paramount that we nail what we have been working on in our training over the last month or so to ensure we are on the right path for the Paralympic Games in two years' time."

Racing at the IFDS Disabled Sailing Combined World Championships started on Tuesday, August 19 and concludes on Sunday, August 24. There are 11 races in total scheduled for each class (two races per day Tuesday – Saturday and one race on Sunday).

For the latest news and information from the British Sailing Team follow them at www.britishsailingteam.com, on Facebook or on Twitter @BritishSailing.

Simon's 'ironman' spirit helps MS Society

A PRINCIPALITY Building Society employee showed his ironman spirit to finish a gruelling triathlon challenge for MS Society Cymru.



Simon Tippet, who works at Wales' largest building society, took part in the Outlaw Triathlon 2014 in Nottingham, swimming 2.4 miles, cycling 112 miles and running 26.2 miles to raise £265 for MS Society Cymru, Principality's Charity of the Year.

Despite warm temperatures and having an accident on his bike, Simon managed to complete the challenge in 12 hours and 16 minutes, finishing the swim in one hour 27 minutes, the bike in six hours three minutes, and the marathon in four hours and 32 minutes with a further 12 minutes in transition.

Simon, aged 42, said: "I have taken part in a range of challenges over the last few years but I wanted to do something special to help raise money for MS Society Cymru.

"I was delighted to complete the challenge and raise money for this deserving charity. 140.2 miles might seem like a struggle but many people face bigger challenges every day. While there is currently no cure for MS, research will hopefully help to change this."

Staff at Principality Building Society's Cardiff-based head office, 53 branches and 17 agencies across Wales and the borders voted for MS Society Cymru as their latest official charity.

Iestyn Evans, MS Society Cymru fundraising manager, added: "It's down to the amazing efforts from individuals such as Simon that make it possible for us to provide vital support for people with MS in Wales and carry out world-leading research to find a cure and beat MS."

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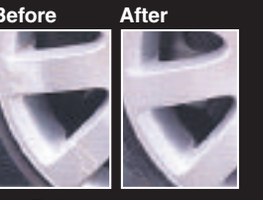

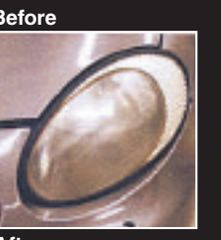

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The day was organised by PG10 Coaching and Wales legend and all time most capped Welsh international player Neville Southall.

The children were able to use the world-class training, playing and education facilities used by the eight international welsh national teams. Players were taken through their paces in technical sessions by top PG10 UEFA qualified coaches and coaches from various Premier League clubs, players as well shone in development matches against Premier League clubs.

An important factor of the day was to educate the children about nutrition and how to lead a healthy lifestyle and prepare for games and training professionally.

Players who attended the day were also given opportunities to attend the Ladies World Cup qualifying match between Wales and England at Cardiff City Stadium.

To get involved in PG10 activities please visit www.pg10coaching.co.uk phone 07955270870 email petegriff10@hotmail.co.uk or follow on Twitter @petegriffiths10.

Calling all fencers!

LLANTWIT MAJOR Fencing Club is an amateur club and resumes its weekly training sessions on Monday, September 1, from 7 - 9pm at the Llantwit Major Leisure Centre.

At present the number of club members is small and there is a need to increase the membership, especially juniors between 10 -14 years old, to ensure the survival and future of the club and to build on its past successful competitive record.

The club has been in existence for over 40 years and has produced many Welsh champions and even Commonwealth medallists. Experienced adult fencers are also welcome as an essential component of the club's competitive profile and reputation.

Of particular importance to the successful development of the juniors is the practical support from the parents. The club can provide equipment for the initial stages of development but once beginners become established fencers they are encouraged to buy additional equipment in order to fence with the club's modern electric recording equipment and take part in competitions in local and UK competitions.

For further information contact Gordon Kingston, either by e-mail: kingstonga@talkltalk.net or telephone 01446792833. Gordon is the main coach and has experience as a high level competitor and coach for the life of the club.

He has had much success in training dedicated junior fencers to achieve targets such as medal positions in Welsh Championships and selection to fence at international level for Wales and even the UK.

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Barrivale Bridge

THE results from Barrivale Bridge Club on August 12 are as follows:

First, Peter Millar and Mike Best 64.71 per cent; second, Jane Kay Dyer and Mark Roderick 53.52 per cent; third Alan Jones and Lyn Matthews 53.39 per cent.

Peter Millar and Mike Best also won on handicap.

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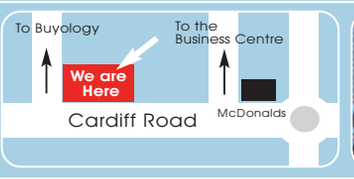

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NEWS FROM PENARTH LAWN TENNIS CLUB

U-14 girls' finalists.

Mini Red players receiving their medals.

Men's doubles finalists.

Under-18 boys' doubles finalists.

Mini Green girls' finalists.

Under-18 boys' finalists.

PENARTH Lawn Tennis Club successfully returned to the Tennis Wales summer tournament schedule, running the inaugural 'Penarth Open' Grade 4 tennis tournament between August 4 – 7.

The event organised by The Vale Tennis Academy attracted almost 200 players from all over Wales and England to the Rectory Road club, with over 20 events on offer ranging from eight and under to 18 and under, as well as adult singles and double events.

Throughout the week the club was busy with spectators and competitors enjoying the great tennis and atmosphere laid on by the club.

Peter Drew, CEO of Tennis Wales, commented: "It's really great to see Penarth Lawn Tennis Club running such a fantastic new tournament. To get so many players in the first year the club has run the event is a great achievement and a great credit to the tournament committee. Penarth LTC has become one of the most successful tennis clubs in Wales in recent years and a big tournament of this calibre will help to further develop the club's growing success."

These words were echoed by the club chairman, Simon Elias, who added that: "Following the success of this year's event, the club is looking forward to staging the event again next year and will look to build on this year's strong foundation by attracting more and higher-rated players to the club."

The winners and runners-up of The Penarth Open 2014 were: men's doubles winners Timothy Hartland and Daniel Hughes, runners-up Oliver Jackson and Martin Radford; women's singles winner Rose D'Sa, runner-up Rachel Tooby; men's singles winner Richard Hinchly-Price, runner-up Daniel Hughes; under-18 girls' doubles winners Seren Marsh and Grace Samuel, runners-up Alice Cadenhead and Gnielle Rodriguez; under-18 boys' doubles winners Joseph Hall and Brandon Wheeler, runners-up William Marsh and Spencer Robinson; under-18 girls' singles winner Gnielle Rodriguez, runner-up Alice Cadenhead; under-18 boys' singles winner Brandon Wheeler, runner-up Joseph Hall; under-16 girls' singles winner Emily Griffin, runner-up Eleanor Findlay; under-16 boys' singles winner Nathaniel Walker, runner-up Jack Grayer; under-14 boys' doubles winners Tom Jenkins and Rory Wiltshire, runners-up Jack Ritchie and Zain Yousef; under-14 girls' singles winner Niamh Sweeney, runner-up Eleanor Johnson; under-14 boys' singles winner Edward Shattock, runner-up Ewan Adam Mackie; under-12 boys' singles winner James Findlay East, runner-up James Symons-Hicks; under-10 mixed singles winner Nicole Kells, runner-up Ella Davies; under-9 girls' singles winner Nora Khediri, runner-up Katie Savill; under-8 mixed singles winner Zechariah Hamrouni, runner-up Tom Norton.

The club would like to thank Curo Advisors and Savill's Property for sponsoring the event, its club members for their voluntary work in the kitchen and bar and to Vale Tennis Academy for orchestrating such a fantastic event. As far as this season goes, PLTC is now looking ahead to the annual handicap tournament and the Vale Tennis Academy will be running its annual winter junior club league.

If you have a child looking to take up tennis then VTA are running tennis coaching camps in Penarth, Barry, Cowbridge and the Vale Resort.

For more information on VTA's coaching and competitions visit www.valetennisacademy.co.uk. Anyone interested in joining the club from September can benefit from discounted membership rates. More information on PLTC is available at www.pltc.org.uk. **RC**

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PROMOTION HOPES NEED RESUSCITATION AFTER SWANSEA LOSS

COWBRIDGE First XI travelled to Swansea on Saturday to play Swansea Civil Service without any real advancement in their promotion hopes.

The Swansea club play on a cricket field belonging to Bishop Gore School in Sketty. This is just across the road from Singleton Hospital whose facilities were not required on Saturday, although one of the opposition batsmen had to leave the field injured, suffering a torn calf muscle while attempting a quick single.

Swansea Civil Service won the toss and chose to bat and in their 50 overs scored 213 runs for 6 wickets. Stephen Porter (84) contributed most to the total.

Phil Harris and Mathew Keating were the only wicket takers for Cowbridge. Phil's figures were 3 for 62 in 15 overs, and Mathew's were 3 for 71 in 14 overs; Tom Merilaht 0 for 31 in 10 overs and Chris Willey 0 for 38 in 11 overs were the only others used.

In reply, the Cowbridge batsmen could not maintain any momentum at all in their innings and could never exert any real pressure on the home side's bowlers. Consequently, they managed only 138 runs in their 50 overs.

Once the top three had departed for a total of 41, Merilaht (23), Lloyd (9) and Harris (19), the only real resistance was shown by Gethyn Davies (13) and Chris Willey (47).

Chris tried to marshal the other batsmen to try to make inroads into the total, but they eventually fell considerably short by 76 runs.

Having gained very few points from this match in Swansea and with just two games remaining, it looks as if Cowbridge First XI's hopes for promotion back to Division One are in desperate need of those nurses in the resuscitation department of Singleton Park Hospital.

This weekend Bronwydd Cricket Club will be the opposition at The Athletic field.

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BUOYED by the previous week's impressive victory against Porthcawl, Cowbridge Second XI were hopeful of a further good performance against Swansea Civil Service who travelled to the Athletic Ground last Saturday.

The Swansea captain won the toss and elected to bat first. The Swansea openers made a steady but cautious start to the innings as both John Gilbert and Sean Rowlands bowled particularly well with the new ball.

Runs were hard to come by and Swansea had only reached 44 off 24 overs when the first wicket fell to the ever consistent John Gilbert. Following this the pressure was maintained on the Swansea batsmen as all the bowlers continued to bowl well, not erring in line or length.

Wickets fell at regular intervals with all the bowlers chipping in, with particular mention going to John Gilbert who finished with 2 for 16 off his 15 overs plus Sean Rowland (3 for 46) and Mike Hordley (3 for 16), which all told meant that Swansea were bowled out for 163.

This was a good performance in the field against a side riding high second in the table. Cowbridge were aware that such a total was not insurmountable but that they would have to start well when it came to their innings.

Unfortunately, this was not the case as Cowbridge slumped to 4 for 2 meaning that a period of stabilisation was required. This was provided by Sean Rowland and Jonty Webb who proceeded to put on a good partnership of over 50 before Jonty was out LBW with 18 overs gone.

After this the only reason that Cowbridge got anywhere near the Swansea total was down to one person; Sean Rowland. Sean batted superbly. With support from the likes of Ian Evans, Sean proceeded to hit the Swansea bowling to all parts.

Unfortunately, while Sean was batting so well, wickets continued to fall at regular intervals. Cowbridge were inching nearer the target but the wickets column continued to rise. Sean reached a fantastic and maiden hundred which was justly deserved but the situation was still precarious for the team as Cowbridge reached 156 for 9, only seven runs short of the target.

Regrettably, the final wicket went down with Cowbridge agonisingly close to victory with Sean finishing 107 not out.

It was bitterly disappointing to have not secured what would have been a justly deserved victory. Although the batting performance, Sean's innings apart, was poor the bowling and fielding was of a high standard. Hopefully, the side can make amends this week when they travel to rural Carmarthenshire to face Bronwydd.

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Evan and Tim's long trip pays off!

VALE trainers Evan Williams and Tim Vaughan had plenty to smile about at Market Rasen last Saturday evening.

Between them they sent just three horses on the long trip to this far flung racecourse and all three won their respective races.

Tim's only runner, Alphabetical Order, who carried top weight of 11st 12lbs, ran out an eight lengths winner under Alan Johns in the OFDS Seaways Novices' Hurdle at odds of 11-4, and Evan's MakeTheMostOfNow, at nine the oldest horse in the Jane Clugston Challenge Cup Handicap Chase, won by three and a quarter lengths from Pantxoa. The winner was partnered by stable jockey Paul Moloney and went off at the generous odds of 8-1.

Evan's other runner, Lava Lamp, a 9-2 chance, partnered by Conor Ring, took the closing Welton Aggregates Handicap Hurdle when beating the favourite Bathwick Man by a neck. Punters who backed all three in a £1 treble would have collected over £130 winnings.

EVAN'S NEWTON ABBOT WINNER

Six-year-old Bullet Street, trained by Llancarfan's Evan Williams, landed the Actuate Marketing Plymouth Handicap Chase at Newton Abbot last week.

Well ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, Bullet Street, a 3-1 chance, scored by four lengths from the 5-2 favourite Easily Pleased.

FRIENDLY FACES AT VALE SHOW

One of the nice things about attending the Vale of Glamorgan Show is that you see plenty of friendly faces.

The first person that hailed me when I arrived was Magor farmer Alan Williams, a former point-to-point rider, whose late father George was one of the country's longest serving horse racing trainers.

One gentleman who greeted me with a cheery good morning was Captain Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards and although I doubt very much if he knew me from Adam, I can reveal that he had kindly written the foreword to my book David Morgan The Family Store - An Illustrated History 1879-2005, which, incidentally, has now been reprinted in paperback.

Another person I had a chat to was Cowbridge's Eirlys Thomas. Eirlys, back in the 1970s, won the Welsh Ladies Point-To-Point Riders' Championship without riding a winner! How come? Well, the championship was run on a points basis and Eirlys finished either second or third so many times on her horse Orange Pip that she scored more points than any other rider and landed the title!

I also met Terry Davies, a friend of long standing, who has driven me to more point-to-points and race-meetings than I suppose he cares to remember. I also chatted to John of JPL Sound whose company, it seems, covers everything from agricultural shows to point-to-points and funerals.

There are too many other names to mention. However, I must apologize to the chap who clearly knew me as he came up to speak to me. He must have seen the puzzled look on my face as he told me his name - Steve Jones.

Steve - sorry, but old age doesn't come alone. Are you the Steve Jones who used to ride in point-to-points?

BRIAN LEE

Lady bowlers are league runners-up

AS a result of their win last week in their league match, at home to Millwood, Cowbridge lady bowlers finished second in section one of the afternoon league.

Congratulations to the ladies of Llantwit Major who won the league.

Playing their CCS match away at Porthcawl Prince of Wales, they lost 37-42, but they had a good win on the rink with Lynda Wilson, Diane Lloyd, Sandra Collin and skip Helena Snelling, who won by 20 shots to 10.

The rink with Diane Purnell, Caryl Davies, Sue Flower and skip Kay Edwards just lost 11-13, but skip Joy Woolford's rink lost 6-19.

In a friendly match played away at Barry Romilly, the ladies lost 32-44, with, once again, a win on skip Helena Snelling's rink by just 12-10; with Helena was Lynda Wilson, Caryl Davies and Diane Lloyd. The other two rinks both lost 10-17.

A CCS match was cancelled by Pengelli due to their shortage of players, so the captains agreed to share the points.

The men had a friendly match cancelled by Cadoxton, also due to their shortage of players. In our last league match of the season, we lost at home to Beddau, 65-75, winning on one rink.

Charles Sanders, Peter Launder, Brian Williams and skip Steve Dickens won well, 29-10, and their score also included a hot shot (scoring eight shots on one end).

Other rink scores: skip Roger Barwick's rink lost 14-20, skip Mike Bradley's rink lost 15-19, and skip Dennis Snelling's rink lost 7-26.

All that is left now are a few friendlies, our triples and final weekends, and last but not least, our club autumn tour.

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Nippers on top form at recent events

Southerndown kicked off the first weekend of competition in the Junior Welsh National Surf Lifesaving Championships on August 2/3 (the first time they had attended since 2008), with three talented competitors.

The competition was held at Aberavon Beach, the weather was great and the experience benefitted the girls. No great outcomes were expected of this weekend, but Meriel Clode and Emily Jenkins won gold in the under-14s girls Tube Rescue in a close race and Selina Radcliffe put in an all-round good performance.

The following weekend saw National Nipper Championships in which Southerndown had a respectable turn out of 20 competitors all aged between eight and 13. The second day of competition experienced the unfortunate tail end of Hurricane Bertha, but the first was perfect racing conditions.

There were some great achievements which included the following:

Meriel and Amelie Clode both won their age group's Super Nipper while Ollie Jenkins came third in the under-9 Boy's Super Nipper. The under-12 and under-13 Board Rescue teams both won gold for their age group while the under-11 team (Alice Phillips and Amelie Clode) came close to a medal in fourth; and the under-13 Taplin team won silver.

Some impressive board paddling by Emily Jenkins, Ffion Hughes and Amelie Clode saw another three gold medals for Southerndown in the Board Race; in the Swim Race Kieran Broadbent and Lauren Harry came fourth in their age categories and Meriel Clode won gold for the under-13s as well. Poppy Jenkins and Annabel Jeffreys both won silver in the under-12 and under-10 Beach Flags respectively.

Ellie-May Hamm took bronze in the under-8 girls Sprints and Sam Harry took bronze in the under-10 boy's Long Run.

Overall, Southerndown came a respectable eighth out of 13 teams in the Nipper competition after a great weekend (or two for some) of competition!

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